

# Chihuahuan Orchid Tree (Common Name)

*Bauhinia macranthera* (Scientific Name)



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 15' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12"

Powerline Friendly: 15' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Bright green and stay nearly evergreen.

Flowers: Orchid-shaped blossoms in bright shades of pink, blooms in spring through autumn.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun. Tolerant of multiple soil types. Supplemental watering during the summer months promotes growth. Prune to promote a multi-trunked growth pattern.

Ecosystem Services: Flowers attract butterflies and bees. Its airy form and deciduous nature make it an ideal overstory plant for aloes, agaves, and perennials that appreciate light summer sun protection.