

**Dense Longwood** (Common Name)

***Xylosma congesta*** (Scientific Name)



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 8' – 12' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Friendly: 8' – 12' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Light green, ovate leaves tapering to an acuminate tip, new foliage reddish, bronze to copper.

Flowers: Profuse, axillary, greenish yellow "pin cushion" flowers on older plants in October/November.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: N/A

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun to near full shade. Plant in well-drained soils. Regular irrigation is needed. Prune to promote size and shape.

Ecosystem Services: Used as an anti-inflammatory and as a birthing aid. The ethanolic extract of its leaves is anti-melanogenic (prevents melanogenesis) and is used in skin products.

