**Desert Ironwood** (Common Name)

**Olneya tesota** (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Canopy potential:** 15’ – 30’ wide
- **Annual Growth Rate:** 12”
- **Powerline Compatible:** 15’ – 30’ from base
- **Root Damage Potential:** Low
- **Leaves:** 1-3” long, usually 2-10 leaflets.
- **Leaflets:** 1-2” long, elliptic to ovate, with rounded tip. Gray-green and hairy above and beneath.

**Flowers:** ½” long, purple to magenta pea flower. On hairy stalks, in small clusters. Blooms in Spring-Summer.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Water Use:** Low
- **Edible Fruit Producing:** Yes, Fresh green seeds are found inside light-beige pods.
- **Allergenic:** Low
- **BVOC Emissions:** High
- **Sonoran Desert Native:** Yes
- **Invasive Species:** No

**Tree Care:** Drought-resistant, well-draining soil, planted in full sun. Some protection from frost is needed. Do not over water or plant with other irrigated plants. Very little litter, relatively easy to grow/maintain.