

Mexican Sycamore (Common Name)

Platanus mexicana (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 30' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Friendly: 50' from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: Large, maple-like leaves with velvety, silver undersides. Up to 8" wide and olive-green, sometimes yellow before falling.

Flowers: Male and female flowers are borne separately on the same plant from December through February and appear as greenish balls hanging from the branches.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Moderate

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Grows best in full sun and is adapted to most soils, including alkaline soils. While considered drought tolerant, best success occurs when plants are irrigated until established.

Ecosystem Services: The wood is used for general carpentry, dishes, and spoons.

