

Palo Blanco (Common Name)

Mariosousa willardiana (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 15' – 20' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12" – 24"

Powerline Friendly: 10' – 20' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Long phyllodes, 10 to 20" long.

Flowers: Branched terminal stalks of cream-colored powder puff ball like flowers.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Moderate

BVOC Emissions: Moderate

Sonoran Desert Native: Yes

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun only. Plant in rocky or sandy, porous, well-drained soil. Supplemental watering in the summer/early fall when establishing the tree, but little watering is needed after establishment. Prune to increase structure.

Ecosystem Services: Has white exfoliating bark that peels off in scrolls large enough to write a letter on. Small strips of bark are also used by hummingbirds as nesting material. Was often used by the Seri Indians of northern Mexico for building material.

