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Boatspine Acacia or Huinolo *Vachellia campechiana* (*Acacia cochliacantha*)

DESCRIPTION: Boatspine or Boat-thorn Acacia is a common small tree in the Sinaloan Thornscrub and Tropical Deciduous Forests of Sonora. It typically grows quickly to 15' feet tall or more. Its stems are light gray and are covered with stout, cupped thorns to 1.5' long. The small leaves are drought and cold deciduous. The flowers occur in small yellow balls about ½ inch in diameter. It blooms in late spring through summer.

RECOMMENDED USE: Boatspine Acacia can be used as a background plant in desert gardens, but its thorniness mandates keeping it away from pathways. It makes good light shade for small cacti, and cover for birds.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 22°F.



Sun tolerance: Best form and flowering in full sun.



Watering and feeding: Somewhat drought tolerant once established. No fertilization necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil.



Pruning: As needed to shape and control.