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Feather Tree or Tepeguaje *Lysiloma watsonii*

DESCRIPTION: Feather Tree has a slow to moderate growth rate, eventually becoming a small to medium size multi-trunked tree. The coarse, dark bark is contrasted by delicately dissected leaves. It is nearly evergreen in Tucson, losing leaves only after subfreezing temperatures. Flowers are ivory in color and occur in small round catkins. Flowering occurs from April through June followed by papery seed pods. They are a good nectar source for wasps, bees, and Hairstreak butterflies and a larval food source for Blue and Sulphur butterflies. Feather Tree is native from northern Sinaloa, Mexico, to the Rincon Mountains of Pima County, Arizona.

RECOMMENDED USE: Feather Tree's graceful form makes a striking feature for a landscape. It makes a good shade tree for growing sun intolerant plants beneath.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It is hardy to the low 20's.



Sun tolerance: Feather Tree needs full sun to keep a good form.



Watering and feeding: It has moderate water needs to keep it looking good.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain are fine.



Pruning: As needed.



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