



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Arizona Rosewood

Vauquelinia californica

DESCRIPTION: Arizona Rosewood is a large evergreen shrub with dense foliage. It grows at a moderate rate to 20 feet tall and less wide. Clusters of small white flowers appear in spring. *Vauquelinia californica*, despite its name, occurs only on the upper margin of the Sonoran Desert and in the desert grasslands in Arizona.

RECOMMENDED USE: A good tall dense screen where complete privacy is desired. Also a good neutral backdrop against which to display other plants. Denser, longer lived, and larger than the much used hopbush (*Dodonaea*); its only drawback is that it is slower growing.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 15° F.



Sun tolerance: Needs full sun.



Watering and feeding: Water moderately year round, more in summer when growing. Will survive on Tucson's rainfall in deep soil but growth will be very slow.



Soil requirements: Any well drained soil is adequate; attains larger size in deep soil. Apparently resistant to Texas root rot



Pruning: As needed any time. It can be trained into a multi-trunked tree.