

Botanical Name: *Chilopsis linearis*

Common Name: Desert Willow



Family: Bignoniaceae

Habitat: Washes/stream banks with some moisture

Native Distribution: SW U.S. to northern Mexico

Elevation: 1,000 to 5,000 ft

Hardiness: 5°F

Type: Deciduous

Size: 25' tall x 20' wide

Shape: Can be shrubby

Growth Rate: Fast

Flowers: 1-1/2" bell-shaped, pink to lavender

Bloom Season: April through September

Fruit: 4-8" darker brown pods, shaggy white seeds

Foliage: 6" willow-like leaves, smooth margins

Exposure: Full to part sun

Shade: Somewhat dense

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: Will grow into a large shrub or, with pruning, a small tree. Use as an accent, an informal border, or wind screen. Provides summer shade and beautiful flowers for south-, east-, or west-facing windows, then sheds its leaves in the winter for plenty of sun. Can also be used to help control erosion. Throws some litter. No thorns.

Wildlife: Hummingbirds like the nectar, birds use Desert Willow for nesting.

Other Stuff:

- Multi-stemmed, can be trained to single trunk.
- Can grow 3' per year with regular watering.
- Can be pruned for a weeping willow effect.
- Plant and stems look dead when dormant.
- Tolerates most well-drained soils.