

Botanical Name: *Dodonaea viscosa*

Common Name: Hopbush



Family: Sapindacea

Native Distribution: In washes in Arizona and Mexico and elsewhere

Plant Size: 12-15' tall and wide evergreen shrub or tree

Flowers: ¼" yellow – green flowers, with male and female flowers are on different trees, blooming mid-March through May, then August - October

Foliage: Dark green, narrow, lanceolate leaves about 1-4" long and ¾" wide with a tapered base and a lighter underside

Site Preferences: Full sun to part shade

Landscape Uses: Use as an informal hedge or patio tree.

Other Stuff:

- Three-sided pod contains 3 seeds; green aging to tan flat papery wings.
- Exposed trunk with gnarled character when pruned up.
- Low water; supplemental water improves ornamental quality.
- Tolerates most soils with good drainage.
- Minimal maintenance; prune to tree shape if desired.
- Can be short lived.
- The green form is hardy to 15° F (-9°C), the red form to 26° F (-3°C).
- Male and female flowers are generally on different trees.
- The fruits have been used as a substitute for hops.

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