

Botanical Name: *Vauquelinia californica*

Common Name: Arizona Rosewood



Family: Rosaceae

Habitat: Washes, rocky slopes, gravelly foothills

Native Distribution: S Arizona to NW Mexico

Elevation: Up to 5,000 ft

Hardiness: 15°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 12' tall x 8' wide

Shape: Vase-shaped, more dense

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flowers: 3" clusters of tiny white flowers

Bloom Season: Early summer

Fruit: Woody brown fruits

Foliage: 2-3" dark-green narrow leaves, similar to oleander, with finely toothed margins

Exposure: Full/part sun

Shade: Dense

Water Requirements: Low

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Phoenix xeriscapes: Use *Vauquelinia californica* as an informal, privacy, or noise screen. Works well around a swimming pool, as an accent, or as contrast to greyer or greener foliage. Arizona Rosewood makes an excellent native alternative to oleander in Phoenix xeriscapes. Very little litter, no thorns.

Wildlife: Attracts bees, butterflies, and birds.

More about *Vauquelinia californica* (Arizona Rosewood):

- Arizona Rosewood gets its name from the reddish-brown color of the heartwood.
- Can grow to 20-30' and, with pruning, can be trained to a small tree.
- *Vauquelinia californica* requires very little, if any, pruning unless to control height or shape.
- Give *Vauquelinia californica* monthly deep watering in the summer to promote growth.
- Arizona Rosewood grows slowly until the roots take hold (about one year), then grows faster.