



Phoenix® Mesquite

Prosopis 'Phoenix'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Thornless Hybrid Mesquite

Description:

This thornless, semi-evergreen hybrid variety forms a well branched, rounded canopy of twisted branches; clusters of pale yellow flowers in spring; sun loving and highly drought tolerant; developed with a more reliable, sturdy root system

Ornamental Features

Phoenix Mesquite has attractive green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The small narrow pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. It is draped in stunning clusters of buttery yellow catkins along the branches in mid spring. The fruits are showy tan pods displayed from early summer to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Phoenix Mesquite is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Phoenix Mesquite is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Phoenix Mesquite
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Phoenix Mesquite foliage
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Planting & Growing

Phoenix Mesquite will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.