



Cordia boissieri **Mexican Olive, Texas Olive**

Native from southern Texas into Mexico, this evergreen shrub or small tree is underutilized in the Southwest. It can eventually grow 25 to 30 feet tall by 25 feet wide. The deep green leaves are large, leathery and coarse in texture. White 2" diameter flowers with yellow throats are borne in clusters from spring through fall. The small edible fruit resembles an olive. Abundant flower and seed litter should be expected. Plants thrive in full sun and reflected heat locations. The rate of growth is dependent on the amount and of irrigation. Hardy to 20°F, USDA Zone 9.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (HT x WD)	25-30 ft x 25 feet
FLOWER COLOR	White
FLOWER SEASON	Spring through fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Slow to moderate
HARDINESS	20°F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	Train into tree form if desired.



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