



## Forestiera neomexicana New Mexico Olive

New Mexico Olive is a large vase-shaped, deciduous shrub or small tree whose native habitat ranges from southern California to western Texas. It blooms in the early spring with small yellow flowers that provide rich nectar for honeybees. Female plants produce fleshy dark blue fruits in late summer, causing litter for humans but a feast for songbirds. Small green leaves drop in the fall, exposing smooth pale grey trunks in the winter months. Sometimes called Elbow Tree, this shrub sends out branches at unusual angles to create a unique form. Plant as an understory tree or in full sun. Left unpruned, it forms an effective windbreak. Occasional deep irrigation is recommended during the summer months.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	10-18 ft x 10-15 ft
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun to part shade
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Shape for tree form



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