



## Guaiacum coulteri Guayacan

This gnarly, evergreen, slow-growing shrub or small tree is native to the gravelly plains of western Mexico. The dark green, pinnately compound leaves may drop during periods of cold or drought. Intense blue flowers occur from April through September in response to rainfall. Shiny red seeds grow within ½ inch diameter green to gold fruits and add extra interest in the fall. Slow growing, it may eventually reach 25' tall, although drought and frost damage will often keep it considerably smaller. Most plants are 10 feet tall and as wide. The branch tips may be damaged by temperatures below 30° F. It is extremely drought tolerant but some additional moisture will encourage flowering. Plant in well-drained soils and protect from frost..

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	10-25 feet x 10-25 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Blue
FLOWER SEASON	Late spring through fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	25° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	To shape



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