

Fruitless Olive (Common Name)

Olea europaea (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 25' – 30' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12" – 24"

Powerline Compatible: 25' – 30' from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: 1 ½-3" long. Lance-shaped or narrowly elliptic. Edges slightly rolled under. Gray green above, silvery, and glossy scales beneath.



Flowers: ¼" long, creamy white with 4 petals. Short, branched clusters at base. Fragrant, and blooms in Spring.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: Yes

Invasive Species: No



Tree Care: Plant in full sun, requires little water, but irrigation during summer provides a growing boost. Needs yearly pruning to shape. Fertilizer that is nitrogen-rich once a year in the spring encourages growth.