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Kidneywood or Palo Dulce

Eysenhardtia orthocarpa

DESCRIPTION: Kidneywood is a large shrub or small tree, native to the mid-elevation canyons of southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It grows at a moderate rate to 15' or more. It is deciduous, putting on a set of feathery leaves in the late winter. Small, white flowers that occur in clusters from late spring through summer, produce a sweet fragrance. Butterflies are attracted to Kidneywood's blooms and the plant is a larval food for the Arizona Skipper.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a specimen, a patio tree, and to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 15°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. At least once a week during the growing season. Feeding is not necessary other than adding triple phosphate when planting.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do.



Pruning: As needed.