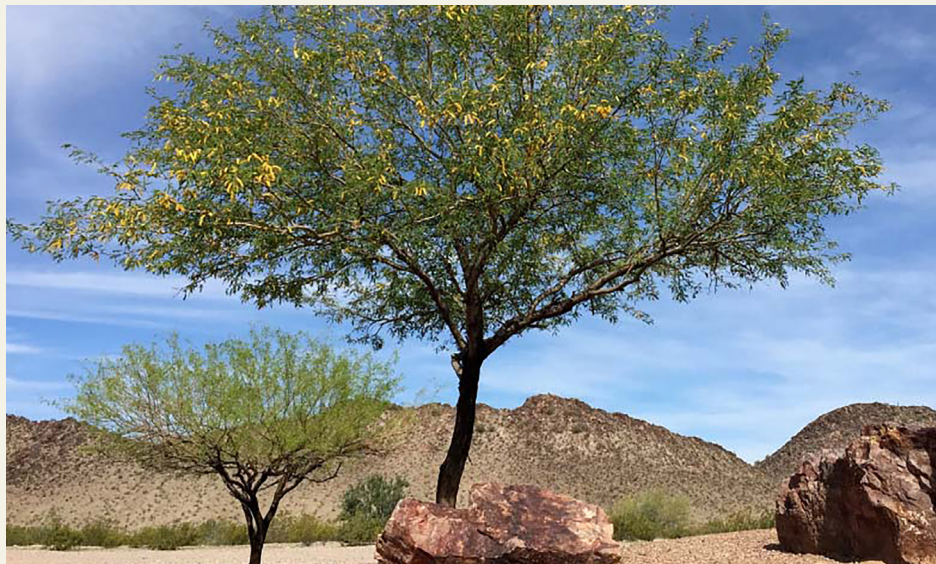


# Prosopis velutina

(Syn. Neltuma velutina)

## ARIZONA NATIVE MESQUITE

*Southwestern adaptable native mesquite.* Native from NM, through AZ, CA and Northern Mexico, these mesquites have a rich ethnobotanical history in the southwest. Their wood, pods and sap were indispensable natural commodities to indigenous peoples. They have bright green to blue-green compound foliage against yellowish brown bark with decent gray thorns, with the bark becoming much darker and shaggy as they mature. Typically shrubby, multi-trunked trees, they can be trained into single trunked trees to fit some smaller urban spaces more efficiently. Flowers are yellow catkins in spring that are highly attractive to bees. Once pollinated, pea-like dark brown pods develop with edible slightly sweet seeds. Staking immature trees can be beneficial.



DESCRIPTION	
	TO 25-30 FT. X 20-30 FT.
	FULL SUN
	USDA ZONE 7-11
	NORTH AMERICA
	YELLOW
	LOW
	TO 5°F