

Mastic Tree (Common Name)

Pistacia lentiscus (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 8' wide

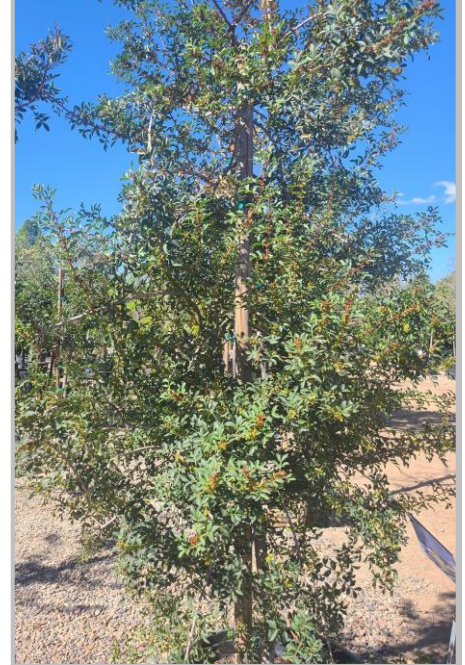
Annual Growth Rate: 12"

Powerline Friendly: 12' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Small leather olive-green leaves, 4 in. long, divided in 3-5 pairs of leaflets.

Flowers: Small, green, and inconspicuous. Blooms in the spring.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No



Tree Care: Plant in full sun in well-drained soil. Drought tolerant but may need infrequent watering or irrigation. Fairly low maintenance with slim to no pruning needed.

Ecosystem Services: The mastic is used to make perfume, chewing gum, pharmaceuticals, dental adhesives, and varnishes for protecting pictures. The pleasantly fragrant shoots are cut and sold in the spring separately or as a part of bouquets.