

Pomegranate (Common Name)

Punica granatum (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 15' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Friendly: 20' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Glossy, narrow oblong, entire, 1 1/4-2 3/4" long and 3/4" broad.

Flowers: Bright red and 1 1/4" in diameter, with three to seven petals.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: Yes, tough leathery skin, deep pink, or rich red. Interior is whiteish.

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: N/A

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: Yes

Tree Care: Plant in full sun. Water deeply during summer months. In the first two years, use fertilizer around base in November, February, and May. Once established, only in November and February. Prune crossing branches and dead/damaged limbs in the later winter.

Ecosystem Services: One of the Mediterranean medicinal plants that has been used for generations in treating ulcers, diarrhea, and male infertility. Pomegranates are used in baking, cooking, juice blends, meal garnishes, smoothies, and alcoholic beverages.



