

Botanical Name: Fraxinus velutina

Common Name: Arizona Ash, Velvet Ash

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape open, round-headed tree, pyramidal when young, becoming  
round and open when mature -- rough, brown bark on trunk and main branches

Height 20' - 40' Spread equal Growth Rate mod.-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil any soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,10-24) thrives in hot, inland areas

Morphology:

Leaves odd-pinnately compound, opposite, 3-5 leaflets to 3" long,  
to 1-1/2" long somewhat pubescent beneath--slightly serrate margins

Flowers deciduous - small rounded flowers, female, green,  
inconspicuous male yellowish, inconspicuous

Fruit pale brown samara, 1" long on female trees only

Propagation: seed

Usage: shade tree or roadside tree in large, informal  
gardens -- street or park tree

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering, but tolerates much drought after  
established

Fertilizing none

Pruning head high when young, thin annually

Pests/Diseases red spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: Southwestern U.S. Family: Oleaceae