



## OLNEYA TESOTA IRONWOOD

Native to the Sonoran desert at elevations under 2,500 feet, this slow-growing tree gets its name from the dense, heavy wood it produces. It is evergreen except during periods of intense cold or drought. The branches are armed with a pair of ½” long spines at the base of each compound leaf. The 2 inch long leaves consist of 2 to 10 tiny gray-green leaflets. The trunks and branches are also thorny. Pink-purple, pea-like flowers are produced in clusters each spring followed by hairy brown bean-like pods. Sensitive to frosts, young trees should be protected until established. Monsoon rains trigger growth. Mature trees will eventually attain a height and width of 30 feet. Plant in well-drained soils.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	30 feet x 30 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Pink
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	To Thin & Shape



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