

# URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ACTIVITY BOOK

## WHAT IS AN ARBORIST?

An arborist is a trained professional who cares for trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.



## WHAT IS URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY?

Urban Community and Forestry (UFC) is a program that helps communities maintain, restore, and improve urban forest ecosystems throughout Arizona.

## WHY IS TREE CARE IMPORTANT?

- Helps to maintain the health and safety of trees
- Helps to prevent potential hazards such as falling branches
- Contributes to a healthy environment by providing shade, improving air quality, and supporting wildlife habitats
- Trees can help to reduce stress and improve mental health

**LEARN MORE ABOUT TREE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE AT**  
**[HTTPS://DFFM.AZ.GOV/TREE-CARE](https://dffm.az.gov/tree-care)**

# DESERT URBAN TREE SPECIES PALO VERDE

## DESCRIPTION

- A LARGE SHRUB OR SMALL TREE THAT IS ABOUT 15 FEET TALL
- THE FLOWERS ARE BRIGHT YELLOW
- SMALL BLUE-GREEN LEAVES
- BRANCHES ARE SPINE-TIPPED, STIFF, AND UPRIGHT
- BLUE-GREEN TREE BARK

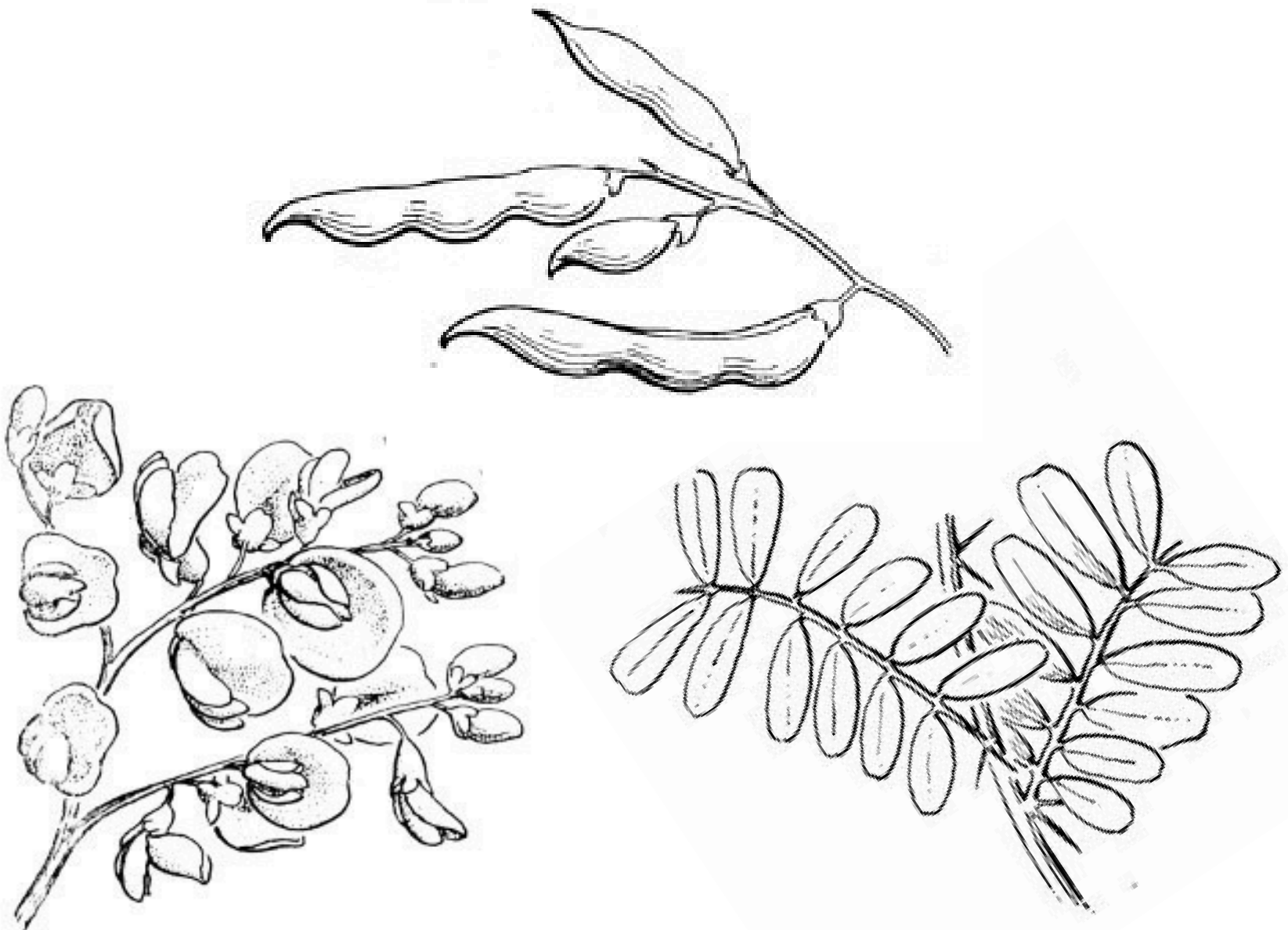


PLANT NATIVE TREES!

# DESERT URBAN TREE SPECIES IRONWOOD

## DESCRIPTION

- CAN GET UP TO 30 FEET TALL
- HAS BLuish GREEN LEAVES THAT ARE OVAL SHAPED AND LEATHERY
- PEA-LIKE FLOWERS THAT ARE PALE ROSE TO PINK OR WHITE IN COLOR
- HAS THORNS THAT ARE SHARP AND SLIGHTLY CURVED, LOCATED AT THE BASE OF EACH LEAF

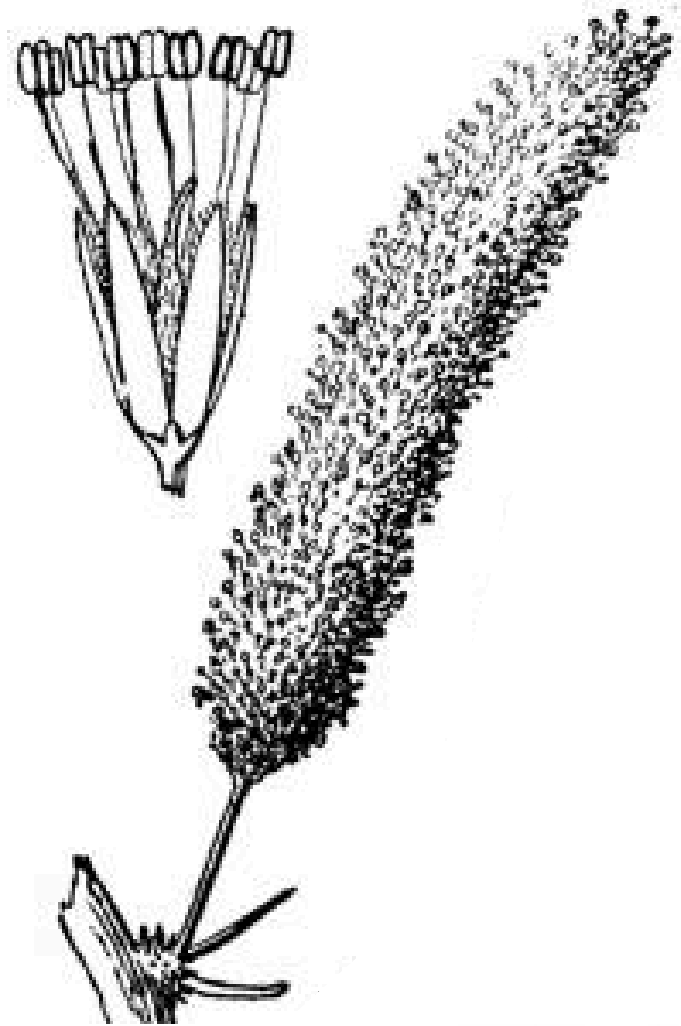


**SUPPORT LOCAL WILDLIFE!**

# DESERT URBAN TREE SPECIES MESQUITE

## DESCRIPTION

- CAN GROW UP TO 30 FEET TALL AND WIDE
- HAS YELLOW FLOWERS
- THE LEAVES ARE LIGHT GREEN TO BLUE-GREEN IN COLOR
- DARK, ALMOST BLACK, SHAGGY BARK
- HAS STRAIGHT AND STOUT SPINES



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## WHY ARE NATIVE TREES IMPORTANT?

Native trees are important for many reasons including they are food and shelter for wildlife, help with water conservation, help with soil protection, help to remove harmful substances from the air, and much more.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

I can help native trees by visiting places with them and learning more about them. You can also help by planting native trees in your yard or community and participating in tree-planting events.

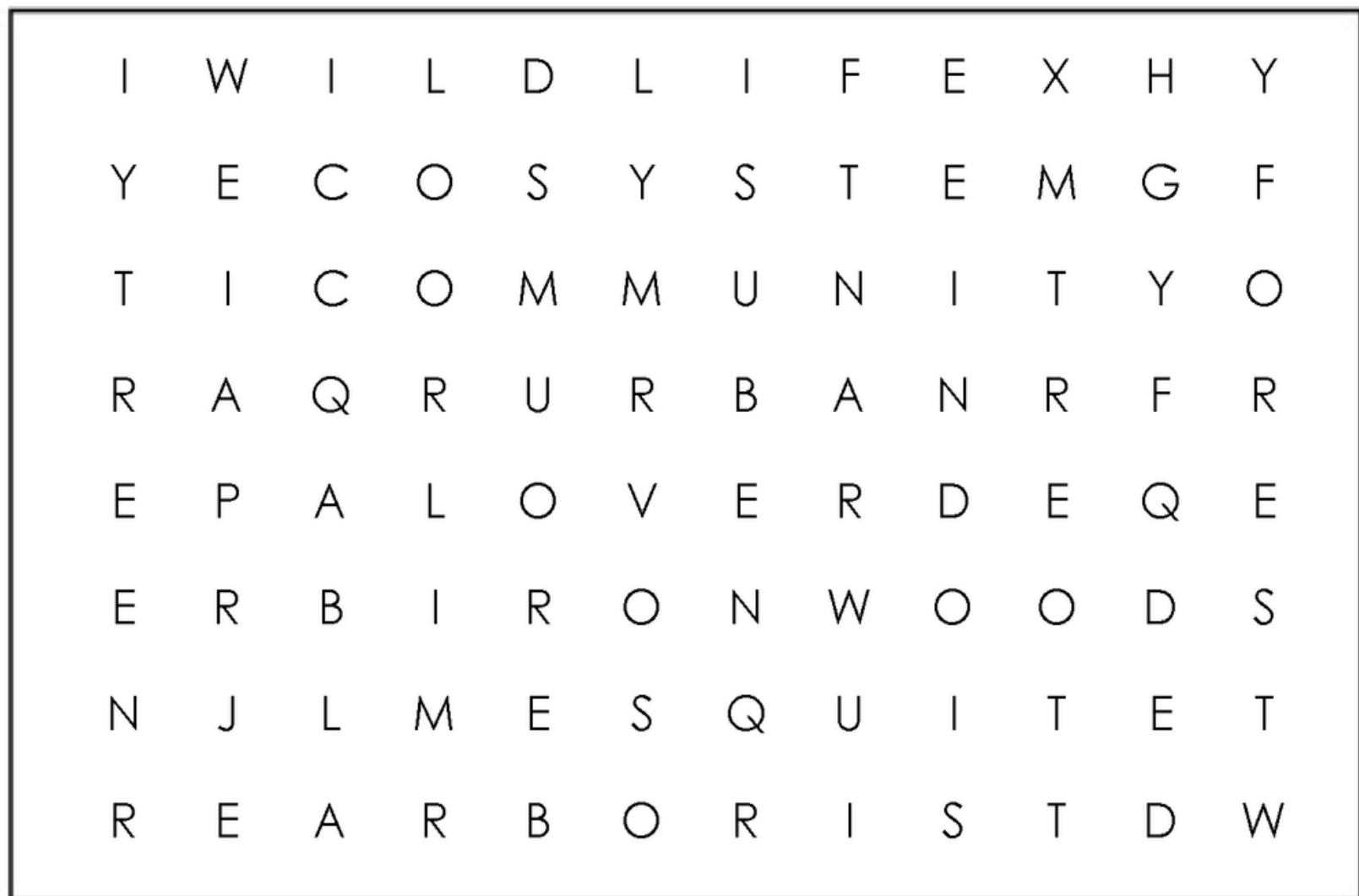


## HOW CAN I SUPPORT LOCAL WILDLIFE?

There are a few ways that you can support wildlife which can be planting native plants, providing food (such as putting out bird feeders), providing water for wildlife (such as a bird bath), providing shelter (such as a birdhouse), and avoiding the use of harmful chemical such as pesticides in your yard.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS IN ARIZONA VISIT  
[HTTPS://AZNPS.COM/THE-PLANT-LIST/](https://aznps.com/the-plant-list/)**

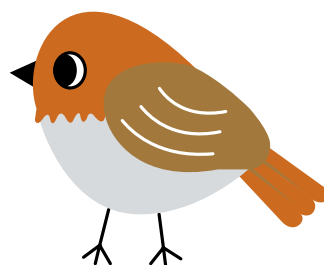
# URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY WORD SEARCH



## FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE

**URBAN  
TREE  
ARBORIST  
COMMUNITY  
FOREST**

**PALO VERDE  
MESQUITE  
IRONWOOD  
WILDLIFE  
ECOSYSTEM**



## Urban and Community Forestry

I W I L D L I F E X H Y  
Y E C O S Y S T E M G F  
T I C O M M U N I T Y O  
R A Q R U R B A N R F R  
E P A L O V E R D E Q E  
E R B I R O N W O O D S  
N J L M E S Q U I T E T  
R E A R B O R I S T D W

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

PALO VERDE  
COMMUNITY  
ECOSYSTEM  
ARBORIST

MESQUITE  
IRONWOOD  
WILDLIFE  
FOREST

URBAN  
TREE