



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

White Orchid Tree

Bauhinia aculeata

DESCRIPTION: The White Orchid Tree grows at a fast rate to become a medium-sized single or multi-trunked tree to 20' tall. It is winter deciduous. Flowers are white, orchid-shaped, and borne in clusters, from early to late spring, and occasionally in the fall. The flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies. It is native to the Lesser Antiles, Central America, and northern South America.

RECOMMENDED USE: A good patio tree or elsewhere in a landscape to attract wildlife. Adds a tropical look to the landscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to at least 20°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun for best growth.



Watering and feeding: Water regularly to establish. Low to moderate water use, depending on soil. No fertilization needed in the ground.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil.



Pruning: Light pruning, as needed.