



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Torote Prieto

Bursera hindsiana

DESCRIPTION: Torote Prieto is a small wide-spreading tree to 10 or 12 feet. Reddish thick stems and angular branching with dark green leaves give it a nice bonsai-look. Its bark is tight and smooth, shiny reddish brown to gray-brown. The drought deciduous leaves are aromatic when crushed. Flower are small and inconspicuous, borne in late fall. Fruit, if formed, are yellow to reddish brown. Torote Prieto is native to washes and desert hillsides in coastal Sonora and Baja California, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Because of its frost tenderness, Torote Prieto is best kept as a container specimen that can be brought out of harms' way in the event of hard frosts.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Semi-hardy in Phoenix and warmer areas of Tucson. Damage will occur below 30°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun, but tolerates light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water when growing. Fertilize every 6 weeks when in leaf.



Soil requirements: Use a fast-draining potting soil.



Pruning: To shape any time.