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Smoke Tree or Palo de Humo *Psoralea argophylla*

DESCRIPTION: Smoke Tree is a nearly leafless small tree or large shrub with many spiny branches and a crooked trunk. Leaves and stems are gland dotted, wavy edges, fuzzy, light blue-gray, giving the whole plant the indistinct look of smoke from a distance. Flowers are attractive, indigo-blue, sweet-smelling blossom, ½ inch wide in April-June. Smoke Tree is native to the southwestern corner of the U.S. and northwestern Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent or specimen, in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Marginally hardy in Tucson. Not for colder areas.



Sun tolerance: Full sun, as it tolerates heat well.



Watering and feeding: Watering needs are low to moderate. Does not tolerate wet soil in the summer, so plant it in very sandy soil. Fertilization not needed.



Soil requirements: Needs very well-drained soil.



Pruning: Plant away from paths so pruning is not needed.