






# VAUQUELINIA CALIFORNICA

## Arizona Rosewood

 Low to moderate water

 Full to part sun

 Attracts butterflies

 Native to S. AZ, N. Mexico, Baja CA.

### Why we love it...

The Arizona rosewood is one of the toughest evergreen shrubs around. It will take reflected heat or sun and is incredibly drought-tolerant. It makes a lovely screen or informal hedge without needing much maintenance or supplemental water.

The slender, deep green leaves look very similar to Oleander, making this native shrub a non-toxic alternative that offers less litter and better cold-hardiness. Creamy white flower clusters attract butterflies in springtime, and age to ornamental tan or reddish-brown seed pods that attract birds through the summer. Prune selectively at an early age to train as a small tree, or let it grow naturally as a large, dense shrub.



**Lydia says:** Arizona rosewood is a slow grower at first, but it grows a bit faster once it has been in the ground for about a year.

### Evergreen Shrub: *Vauquelinia californica*

**Size (H x W):** 15-20 feet x 10-15 feet

**Blooms:** Cream white in late spring

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 12° F, USDA Zone 8

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** Fall

**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate



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