

CAMPUS ARBORETUM



Focus on:
Albizia sinaloensis
"Sinaloan silk tree"
Fabaceae



Sinaloan silk tree is a graceful legume tree with a vase shaped canopy and pale yellow bark growing to 60 feet tall in mesic conditions. It is endemic to northwest Mexico where it grows in deep alluvial soils along watercourses and in river valleys. Though it will grow much smaller without access to water, it is also found in upland locations and disturbed sites at elevations around 1000 feet.

In its native habitat, it is a “mother tree”, providing habitat, food and connectivity for various wildlife species especially birds of prey and large waterfowl. It is equally generous in providing shade to other two and four-legged mammals. Indigenous people in Sinaloa, reference the tree in many stories and in folklore. Bark, leaves, or seeds, are also used in traditional herbal remedies, to make a

commercially popular white-colored leather, for construction and as a firewood for roasting agave.

To learn more, visit this Campus Arboretum Species Description Page found at:
<https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/taxon.aspx?id=502>



(Above) Standing beneath this behemoth on the UArizona campus is humbling.



(Above) Even, bi-pinnately compound leaves give a tropical feel.



(Above/Below) Globe shaped creamy white flowers from the Sinaloa silk tree



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Enjoy!

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