

CAMPUS ARBORETUM



Focus on:
Fraxinus angustifolia 'Raywood'
"Raywood ash"
Oleaceae



Raywood Ash is cultivar of *Fraxinus oxycarpa* (now known as *F. angustifolia*) found growing in Australia as a tall, more upright tree with very fine-textured leaves. 'Raywood' typically grows 40-50 feet tall with a straight central trunk. While the cultivar is adapted to Mediterranean climates it is widely used in cultivation throughout the western United States. Its upright form makes it well suited for landscape settings requiring clearance under the canopy and the dense, fine foliage provides terrific shade in summer while its ability to drop leaves in the fall allows sun access to the site in the cold winter months.

To learn more, visit this Campus Arboretum Species Description page found at: <https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/taxon.aspx?id=809>

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Foliage is typical (pinnately compound) for the *Fraxinus* genus but stands out from other ashes because of its very dark green coloration and more narrow leaflets.



In Tucson, the tree doesn't achieve quite this level of bright red fall foliage. Our campus specimens instead turn dark purple-black.

Thanks for joining me on my journey to see and understand trees! The health of the planet and our fellow humans depends on respectful and understanding tree selection choices. I hope you're inspired to deepen the connection by visiting campus. and using the [interactive arboretum map](#) to find the tree featured in this spotlight for a more immersive education and sensory experience.

Enjoy!

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