

# CAMPUS ARBORETUM



Focus on:  
*Punica granatum*  
"pomegranate"  
Lythraceae



*P. granatum* is a shrub or small tree that grows 12 to 20 feet. The showy flowers, located on the branch tips have 3-7 red, white or variegated petals arranged like ruffles spilling out of the vase shaped calyx below. The much-loved fruit has a rough rubbery covering that surrounds the tart, juicy arils containing the seeds. This a very storied plant, featured in Egyptian mythology, religious texts, and art. The plant thrives in semi-arid climates and tolerates a variety of soil types. The seeds of the pomegranate are eaten plain or added to salads, juiced, or fermented. The juice is high in antioxidants and used traditionally to treat conditions from bronchitis, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, and high cholesterol.

**To learn more**, visit this Campus Arboretum Species Description Page found at: <https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/taxon.aspx?id=238>



(Above) While the persistent fruit gets center stage, once a year in the autumn, the brilliant yellow foliage grabs the spotlight! Find them using the interactive tree map found here. <https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/map/>



Showy, slick and ruffled flowers adorn the shrub in spring.



By June, flowers have begun to produce fruit.

(Below) Pomegranate shrubs provide a bright pop of glossy green through spring and summer.





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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