

Anacua

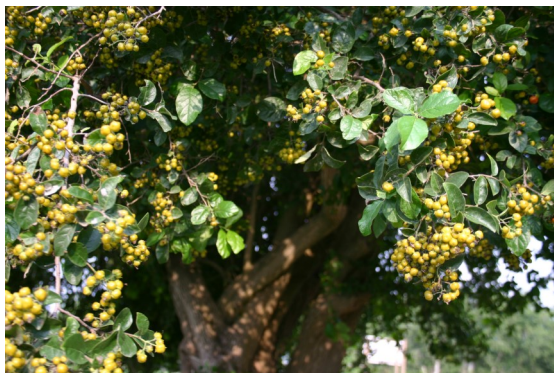
Ehretia anacua

Anacua, *Ehretia anacua*, is native to South Texas and is often called Sandpaper Tree. This name comes from the rough texture of the leaves. At maturity it can reach heights of up to 50 feet and a spread of 30 feet. They are very drought tolerant but need good drainage. The crown is very dense and creates heavy shade. It is often multi-trunked as can be seen here on this tree with the center trunk showing new blooms. Anacua will bloom from late fall into early spring. They develop orange fruit which are a favorite of birds. In fact, in German-settled central Texas, it is called *Vogelbeerenbaum*, meaning 'Birdberry Tree'.

It is mostly evergreen, but don't be surprised if it loses a few leaves in the winter.

Common Names:

Sandpaper Tree, Knock-Away,
or Birdberry Tree



AT A GLANCE	
Height	40'
Width	40' - 60'
Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Multiple
Water	Low
Growth Rate	Slow—modera
USDA Zone(s)	7 - 10
Notes	Orange berries



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