

## Texas Ebony

*Pithecellobium flexicaule*

Texas ebony is a medium sized evergreen tree. It is native to the Rio Grande plains of South Texas and grows in thick motts in areas with sandy loam. The small dark-green glossy leaves are arranged along thorned branches. Creamy yellow, fragrant puff-ball flowers are produced from May through October. Local lore says that when you see ebony trees blooming, its going to rain. However, I have noticed that when you get rain, you can expect to see ebony trees blooming. The flowers are followed by a large woody pods. Plant this tree where the pods will not become a nuisance. Birds love to nest in Ebony trees - maybe the dense foliage or armed branches makes the chicks safer from predators.

AT A GLANCE	
Height	40'
Width	40'-60'
Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring—Fall
Water	Low
Growth Rate	Slow
USDA Zone(s)	7 - 11
Notes	Armed Branches

Ebony is extremely drought tolerant. It prefers well-drained soil and full or partial sun.

Common Names:

