

Huisache
Acacia farnesiana

The fragrant, golden puff-ball blooms of the Huisache announce the arrival of spring. Huisache blooms before it flushes fresh foliage, turning the entire tree a mustard gold. Butterflies, bees, and birds are all attracted to its blossoms. In the fall, when the seed pods open, birds will feed in this tree. It has small, fernlike leaves.

This tough tree can handle both poorly drained soils and drought conditions. It grows easily at almost any site - from parking lots to lawn areas. Prune huisache to have a few strong leader branches and develop a tree shape. Small thorns make pruning a bit more difficult. Give it plenty of room in the landscape. One pest that is a nuisance but not a danger to the tree is the Acacia beetle. It will girdle branches, which will end up on the lawn below and need disposal.

Huisache is a deer resistant tree.

Common Names: Sweet Acacia, Cat's Claw

AT A GLANCE	
Height	15' - 20'
Width	15' - 25'
Flower Color	Yellow-gold
Flower Season	Jan - April
Water	Low-Moderate
Growth Rate	Moderate
USDA Zone(s)	8a - 11
Notes	multi-trunk



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