



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Baja Plum Tree or Ciruelo

Cyrtocarpa edulis

DESCRIPTION: This member of the Cashew family is a large shrub to tree. It can be found on Baja California, Mexico, growing in washes. It's appeal is that even at a small size its trunk will thicken; especially at the base. This gives it an attractive bosai-like look. Its tiny greenish flowers are followed by yellow fruts in late summer. The fruits and seeds can be eaten. The yellow pulp is sweet and contains a brown seed that is also edible, tasting like coconut. However, it is said that the fruit shouldn't be eaten in large quantities.

RECOMMENDED USE: Best kept as a patio pot specimen that can be protected against winter freezes.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Tender below 30°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun to very light shade.



Watering and feeding: Water only when it is in leaf. Feed once a year.



Soil requirements: A well-drained soil



Pruning: As necessary.