



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Desert Olive** *Forestiera shrevei*

**DESCRIPTION:** Desert Olive is an interesting native shrub found in desert canyons. Small leaves mature to bright green and contrast beautifully with pale gray bark. It is a very drought tolerant, low maintenance plant growing to 6' tall or more. Blooms are tiny and insignificant followed by purplish-black fruit. Birds eat the fruit and use the plant as cover.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Desert Olive will provide screening and habitat for wildlife.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Around 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Drought tolerant after established, but will look better if watered regularly. No fertilizing needed.



**Soil requirements:** Most soils will do, but it thrives in deep, sandy soil.



**Pruning:** Any time to shape.