



Arbor Day 2021: Celebrating Our Commitment to a Greener, Healthier Environment Through Trees

Thanks to everyone who came out for our 2021 Arbor Day celebration and tree planting. As a Campus Arboretum within a Land Grant Institution in the Sonoran Desert, we cherish Arbor Day because it combines our two vital roles: To select trees that promote ecological diversity and adaptation to an increasingly hot and dry climate; and to cultivate citizens and students who are educated and inspired by the value that urban tree diversity brings to their community.

Read more about the event: <https://arboretum.arizona.edu/student-projects/2021-arbor-day-planting-event>

Tanya M. Quist, Director



Featured Board: Member Peter Price

- Bachelor of Science, Plant Sciences, University of Arizona, Class of 2011
- Masters in Landscape Architecture, Arizona State University, 2016
- Doctoral Student, Arizona State University, Class of 2023

Peter has been an integral member of the Campus Arboretum community for over a decade. He assisted with a variety of projects as an undergrad; sponsored two trees in honor of his father and for a close family friend; and continues to support the Arboretum as a member of the Advisory Board.

Since completing his studies at the University of Arizona, he has worked on natural resource management with the US Forest Service and several state agencies, and is currently studying the science of desert-specific green roof design at Arizona State University. As he has grown through these experiences, he has increased in his capacity and efforts to build the Campus Arboretum where he first cultivated his passion for sustainable landscapes.

Read more about Peter:

<https://arboretum.arizona.edu/board-member-peter-price>



Featured Arboretum Plant: Little Leaf Bursera

- Common Name: Little Leaf Bursera, Elephant Tree
- Family Name: Burseraceae
- Botanical Name: *Bursera microphylla*
- Geographic Origin: Mexico

Characteristics: The elephant tree has red-tipped branches that usually spread wide and have a twisted appearance. The leaves are alternate pinnately compound with seven to thirty five pairs of tiny leaflets which are dark green in color. Having several seeds, the fruit is a berry about the size of a lentil.

Habitat: While normally preferring hotter climates in southern Mexico and Baja, California, these trees are thriving on our campus in a hot and bright microclimate, on a south facing wall in the north entrance to the Integrated Learning Center, where they stay warm in full sun all year.

Ethnobotany: According to Felger's *Trees of Sonora*, the Seri and Coahuilla people used these trees for many medicinal purposes.

Read more and find this tree in our campus Arboretum map:

<https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/taxon.aspx?id=699>

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