



## Celebrate Our 20th Anniversary

The university has a rich history of plant research, education, and outreach using the campus grounds as a living laboratory. The result of this commitment is a nearly 400 acre main campus transformed into a diverse living collection of native and arid-adapted species. While each plant offers potential to enhance university missions they also collectively contribute ecosystem services such as ecological restoration, climate buffering, and historical or cultural connections.

Perhaps one of the most overlooked yet extraordinary gardens within the Arboretum collection is the historic Joseph Wood Krutch Garden. The Krutch Garden showcases native plants in an urban context. It is a reminder of the place we inhabit, a chance to connect with nature, and consider our relationship to it. The more we pause to appreciate the beauty and diversity of plants we pass every day, the more likely we are to consider how our cities and behaviors impact the natural ecosystem. To encourage consideration of Sonoran native species, the Arboretum is developing an illustrative record of the Krutch collection, compiled into a florilegium.

A portion of the florilegium is exhibited through Jan. 7, 2023 in the BAnnister Building lobby (The Laboratory of Tree Ring Research) and a smaller collection of illustrations is on exhibit in the Forbes Building CALS Dean's Suite. Consider stopping by to experience the inspiration when art and science combine.

## Featured Student Intern: Maria Rojas



Meet Maria Rojas, one of the Campus Arboretum student interns this year. Maria wants a career that helps everyday people understand and connect with science so her arboretum responsibility with the arboretum relates to media communications. Her latest project allowed her to work with the communication and marketing experts in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who mentored her latest story. The final result is published on the CALS website - a great training experience for her, and a great piece of writing for the CALS audience.

### Maria Rojas, Class of 2023

B.S. Sustainable Plant Systems, Urban Horticulture Emphasis;  
Minor in Nutritional Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Read more about our dedicated student interns here:

<https://arboretum.arizona.edu/2022-student-workers-and-interns>

## Featured Plant: Pink Fairy Duster

Common Name: pink fairy duster

[Find this plant on campus](#)

Family Name: Fabaceae

Botanical Name: *Calliandra eriophylla*

*Calliandra eriophylla* is native to the Sonoran desert growing throughout Arizona, California, and into Mexico. In cultivation, pink fairy duster is used in rock gardens and as an informal low



border. It attracts hummingbirds and other pollinators, and produces pods that split open to forcibly expel seeds in every direction! These seeds, as well as the flower nectar, and leaves can all be consumed by wildlife. Like many legume family members, this plant folds up its leaves at night, appearing to go to sleep until morning!



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<https://apps.cals.arizona.edu/arboretum/taxon.aspx?id=926>

## Campus Arboretum Tree Tours

Experiencing the campus landscape will change the way you think about urban deserts.

Join the Pima Co. Master Gardeners for a Guided tour of the campus trees.

Find the Fall Schedule here

[https://arboretum.arizona.edu/tree\\_tours](https://arboretum.arizona.edu/tree_tours)

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"Old Main, New Directions in Desert Landscaping"



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