



President's Pond Improvements

Did you know the campus pond used to be part of someone's backyard? The original UA President's 1900s home was located near the corner of Park Avenue and 2nd Street. Although the home was replaced by student housing in the 1930s, the backyard water feature known as "President's Pond" was preserved.

The palms and foliage-rich plants surrounding the pond have attracted generations of students, staff, and community members seeking tranquility in this little oasis in the desert. After years of beloved use the space was showing its age but with help from generous donors, **the pond has received fresh renovations** to make the space more accessible, inviting, and enjoyable for many years to come.

Improvements include an expanded patio, installation of additional trees and shrubs with educational signs, and reconfigured irrigation to reduce sidewalk damage and increase walking accessibility.

Check out the newly renovated pond, enjoy the oasis, and see if you can spot our red-eared turtle and blue heron friends!



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Featured Plants Around the Pond:

Little leaf cordia

Common Name: Little leaf cordia
Botanical Name: *Cordia parvifolia*
Family Name: Boraginaceae

Cordia parvifolia is a medium-sized shrub that loses its gray-green leathery leaves annually. The little leaf cordia blooms showy clusters of white flowers during the cooler desert temperatures in spring and fall, and when there is enough water available during monsoon season. It is drought tolerant once established and can tolerate locations in full sun, reflected heat, or partial shade. It works perfectly as a background plant or accent to the foreground in low water-use desert landscapes.



Little leaf ash



Common Name: Little leaf ash
Botanical Name: *Fraxinus greggii*
Family Name: Oleaceae

The little leaf ash can take the form of a small multi-trunk tree or large dense shrub. Even though older leaves shed in the spring, it is considered an evergreen plant because new leaves immediately emerge- making the plant full virtually year-round. The leaves are narrow ovals that taper to a point at the end, also referred to as 'lanceolate' in shape.

The compound leaves are pinnately arranged, meaning the leaflets are typically in pairs opposite each other on either side of the stem.

As a dioecious species, there are male and female plants with separate reproductive structures. The female plant has small clustered flowers that produce winged fruit.



As of October 2019, the Arboretum's *Fraxinus greggii* (accession #800) was the largest known tree of this species in the country!

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