



JOIN US FOR A TREE TOUR - THEY'RE FREE!



Experiencing the campus landscape will change the way you think about urban deserts. Visit campus to explore on your own or participate in a guided tour.

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Acacia pruinocarpa - black gidgee

After the record freeze in 2011, several species of plants were observed growing in the Desert Legume program, DELEP, test site that weathered the extreme cold quite well. These were grown out and planted by Campus Arboretum student workers in 2015. In the few years since, we have watched these perform as we expected and grow into truly magnificent specimens. We are proud to work with DELEP to enhance the diversity of our campus tree collection and to preserve and promote species like this with exceptional tolerance to heat, drought, cold and other environmental challenges faced by cities in semi-arid climates. One selection we obtained from them was *Acacia pruinocarpa* which is a fast-growing evergreen tree, with upright form that is native to Australia. The tree produces long, narrow, silvery-sage leaves, which are actually phyllodes, covered with white powdery wax sometime called glaucous or pruinose. In the Spring, bright yellow flowers produce an impressive show and the resulting fruit decorates the canopy through out the year. To learn more about this species, visit the [website](#) or find the tree (on the South side of Chavez) using the [Campus Arboretum interactive tree map](#).





MEET THE TEAM

Featured Student Project

This semester, 9 undergraduate students are adding descriptive content for 300 species in the arboretum collection. Species description pages are a resource for researchers, educators and the public interested in studying, growing or using these native and arid-adapted plants. The work this semester will bring us to the half-way point in this long-term project.

[Visit the Species Description Pages](#)



GET INVOLVED

Nature's Notebook Program

Consider working with the National Phenology Network to collect data as a citizen scientist through the Nature's Notebook program. The Campus Arboretum worked with the program this summer to improve opportunities for observation of the plants in the historic Joseph Wood Krutch Garden. [Learn more about the project here.](#)

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