

Mexican Olive

(aka Anacahuita) (*Cordia boissieri*) Native



This great little tree is not used often enough in our area. It reaches 20 feet (although most are smaller) with a spread of about 12 feet. It is covered much of the summer with showy white flowers when provided with good water. The fruit is a favorite wildlife food and is said to be edible to humans when made into a jelly to treat coughs and colds. The name derives from the appearance of the fruit which look much like olives when ripening but otherwise have no relationship to true olives.