# Chihuahuan Orchid Tree

*Common Name*

*Bauhinia macranthera* (Scientific Name)

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Canopy potential**: 15’ wide
- **Annual Growth Rate**: 12”
- **Powerline Friendly**: 15’ from base
- **Root Damage Potential**: Low
- **Leaves**: Bright green and stay nearly evergreen.
- **Flowers**: Orchid-shaped blossoms in bright shades of pink, blooms in spring through autumn.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Water Use**: Low
- **Edible Fruit Producing**: No
- **Allergenic**: Low
- **BVOC Emissions**: High
- **Sonoran Desert Native**: No
- **Invasive Species**: No

**Tree Care**: Plant in full sun. Tolerant of multiple soil types. Supplemental watering during the summer months promotes growth. Prune to promote a multi-trunked growth pattern.

**Ecosystem Services**: Flowers attract butterflies and bees. Its airy form and deciduous nature make it an ideal overstory plant for aloes, agaves, and perennials that appreciate light summer sun protection.