**Dense Longwood** (Common Name)

*Xylosma congesta* (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Canopy potential:** 8’ – 12’ wide
- **Annual Growth Rate:** 24”
- **Powerline Friendly:** 8’ – 12’ from base
- **Root Damage Potential:** Low
- **Leaves:** Light green, ovate leaves tapering to an acuminate tip, new foliage reddish, bronze to copper.
- **Flowers:** Profuse, axillary, greenish yellow “pin cushion” flowers on older plants in October/November.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Water Use:** Moderate
- **Edible Fruit Producing:** No
- **Allergenic:** Low
- **BVOC Emissions:** N/A
- **Sonoran Desert Native:** No
- **Invasive Species:** No
- **Tree Care:** Plant in full sun to near full shade. Plant in well-drained soils. Regular irrigation is needed. Prune to promote size and shape.
- **Ecosystem Services:** Used an anti-inflammatory and as a birthing aid. The ethanolic extract of its leaves is anti-melanogenic (prevents melanogenesis) and is used in skin products.