**Desert Gold Peach** (Common Name)

*Prunus persica* (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Canopy potential: 25’ wide
- Annual Growth Rate: 36”
- Powerline Friendly: 25’ from base
- Root Damage Potential: Low
- Leaves: 3-6” long. Elliptical to narrowly lance-shaped, with long pointed tips. Slightly folded along midvein. Shiny dark above, paler beneath.
- Flowers: ½-1 ½” wide, white to pink with 5 petals in clusters. Blooms early Spring.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Water Use: Moderate
- Edible Fruit Producing: Yes, medium-sized fruit, has yellow/orange skin with a slight red tint to it, covering firm yellow flesh on the inside.
- Allergenic: Low
- BVOC Emissions: Low
- Sonoran Desert Native: No
- Invasive Species: No

**Tree Care:** Plant in full sun with well-draining soils. Fertilize for the first 3-6 weeks. Water during the summer months. Prune dead or diseased branches, or those that intersect.

**Ecosystem Services:** In addition to the edible nature of the peach, the leaves, bark, and flowers are used to treat coughs, bronchitis, jaundice, and gastric indigestion. A powder made from the leaves can also be used to stop bleeding.