**Mexican Sycamore** (Common Name)

*Platanus mexicana* (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Canopy potential:** 30’ wide
- **Annual Growth Rate:** 36”
- **Powerline Friendly:** 50’ from base
- **Root Damage Potential:** Moderate
- **Leaves:** Large, maple-like leaves with velvety, silver undersides. Up to 8” wide and olive-green, sometimes yellow before falling.
- **Flowers:** Male and female flowers are borne separately on the same plant from December through February and appear as greenish balls hanging from the branches.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Water Use:** Moderate
- **Edible Fruit Producing:** No
- **Allergenic:** Moderate
- **BVOC Emissions:** High
- **Sonoran Desert Native:** No
- **Invasive Species:** No
- **Tree Care:** Grows best in full sun and is adapted to most soils, including alkaline soils. While considered drought tolerant, best success occurs when plants are irrigated until established.
- **Ecosystem Services:** The wood is used for general carpentry, dishes, and spoons.