Rio Grande’ Ash (Common Name)

Fraxinus v. fantex (Scientific Name)

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Canopy potential: 25’ – 35’ wide

Annual Growth Rate: 30”

Powerline Friendly: 35’ – 45’ from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: Deciduous, grayish green to bright green.

Flowers: Small, greenish, flower in spring.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: High

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun, in alkaline soil. Regular watering promotes growth. Prune to elevate the base, when needed.

Ecosystem Services: Wood used for firewood, to make tools such as handles for axes. Short sticks were used to hunt chuckwalla, a native lizard. Walapai use the wood to make bows and poles for gathering saguaro fruits.