Texas Ebony  (Common Name)

Ebenopsis ebano  (Scientific Name)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 30’ – 40’ wide
Annual Growth Rate: 12” – 36”
Powerline Friendly: 30’ – 40’ from base
Root Damage Potential: High

Leaves: 3 to 5 pairs of oblong, to obovate, small leaflets, medium green.
Flowers: Small, musty fragrant, cream-colored.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low
Edible Fruit Producing: No
Allergenic: Low
BVOC Emissions: N/A
Sonoran Desert Native: No
Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full to partial sun. Tolerant of most soils, thrives in deep well-drained soils. Water non-established trees thoroughly every week to week and a half. Prune in early summer to raise the canopy. Established trees need water during summer months about twice a month.

Ecosystem Services: The toasted seed coat can be ground and roasted and used as a coffee substitute. Wood is used for cabinet work, fence posts, and wagons. Host plant for the Coyote Cloudwing, Achalarus toxeus, and Sphingicampa clanchardi.