



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE SHEET

### **Anacacho Orchid Tree** *Bauhinia lunarioides (congesta)*

**DESCRIPTION:** The Orchid Tree grows at a fast rate to become a small single or multi-trunked tree or a large shrub (12' tall by 10' wide). It is winter deciduous. Flowers are white, orchid-shaped, and borne in clusters, from early to late spring, and occasionally in the fall. The flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies, even though it has not evolved for pollination by them. It is native to the Chihuahuan Desert, from southern Texas to Coahuila, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** A good patio tree or elsewhere in a landscape to attract wildlife.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Down to 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to part shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Water regularly to establish. Low to moderate water use, depending on soil. No fertilization needed in the ground.



**Soil requirements:** Well-drained soil.



**Pruning:** Light pruning, as needed.