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Catclaw Acacia or Uña de Gato *Senegalia (Acacia) greggii*

DESCRIPTION: As the name implies, Catclaw Acacia has recurved thorns along its smaller branches. This semi-deciduous plant can be a large woody shrub or small, multi-trunked tree with twisting branches. It grows at a moderate rate to 15' wide and tall or more. Flowers occur in the late spring to early summer and are cream-colored oblong puff-balls with a strongly sweet smell. Catclaw can be found growing on canyon slopes, along arroyos and bajadas of our region below 5000'.

RECOMMENDED USE: It can be grown as a small patio tree, for its gnarled branches, for wildlife cover, and in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 0°F.



Sun tolerance: It thrives and does better in sun than shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use, and can be left alone after establishment. Infrequent deep soakings are best. They are among the most drought tolerant trees in the Sonoran Desert once established. Fertilization is not necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do, although performs better in deep, sandy soil.



Pruning: Lightly as needed.