



## Huisache

*Acacia farnesiana*



The fragrant, golden puff-ball blooms of the Huisache announce the arrival of spring in south Texas. Huisache blooms before it flushes fresh foliage, turning the entire tree a mustard gold. Butterflies, bees, and birds are all attracted to its blossoms. In the fall, when the seed pods open, birds will feed in this tree. It has small, fern-like leaves.

This tough tree can handle both poorly drained soils and drought conditions. It grows easily at almost any site - from parking lots to lawn areas. Prune huisache to have a few strong leader branches and develop a tree shape. Small thorns make pruning a bit more difficult. Give it plenty of room in the landscape. One pest that is a nuisance but not a danger to the tree is the Acacia beetle. It will girdle branches, which will end up on the lawn below and need disposal.

Huisache is a deer resistant tree.

Common Names: Sweet Acacia, Cat's Claw

AT A GLANCE	
Height	15' - 20'
Width	15' - 25'
Flower Color	Yellow-gold
Flower Season	Jan - April
Water	Low-Moderate
Growth Rate	Moderate
USDA Zone(s)	8a - 11
Notes	multi-trunk



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