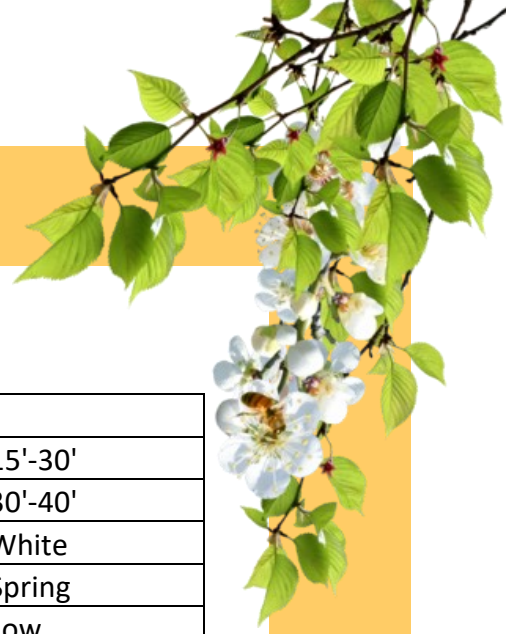


Texas Persimmons

Diospyros texana



This is a small semi-deciduous tree with dark green leaves. It is often low forking or multi-trunked. In South Texas, Texas Persimmons may retain its leaves throughout the winter. It prefers well drained, alkaline soils. A smooth trunk is one of the most striking characteristics of Texas Persimmons—white, pink, and gray colors show beneath the peeling bark.

Texas Persimmons flowers in March and April. They are white, urn-shaped blooms. Persimmons are dioecious trees. They have small black fruit that ripens in the summer. The fruit tastes like prunes and are relished by birds and mammals alike. Native Americans used the fruit to make black dye for animal hides. This tree is a host plant for the Grey Hairstreak and Henry’s Elfin caterpillar.

AT A GLANCE	
Height	15'-30'
Width	30'-40'
Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Water	Low
Growth Rate	Slow
USDA Zone(s)	7-11
Notes	Smooth Trunks

Common Names: Chapote, Mexican Persimmons



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