

Forestiera pubescens

## Desert Olive



Photographs by Jean Pawek

### PERENNIAL SHRUB

8' high by 5-8' wide

Deciduous, rounded, many branched.

Leaves elliptic, leathery, smooth.

Male flowers green, female yellow, on different plants - spring

Fruit purple-black on female plants.

Native Habitat: Streambanks, washes, canyons.  
High desert, coast ranges. 300-6000'

Full sun.

Sandy or decomposed granite soil

Low summer water, 1x/month

Cold tolerant to 10F.

Can handle moist soil.



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