



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Pomegranate or Granado

Punica granatum

DESCRIPTION: This is a deciduous shrub or small tree, usually less than 12' tall. New leaves are bronze in the spring and golden yellow as they fall in the autumn. Waxy flowers are over an inch across and bright orange-red. The variety "Wonderful" is known for good fruiting. A decoction of the bark, especially of the roots, is used in folk medicine for diarrhea and intestinal parasites. Pomegranate is originally from the Mediterranean region. Following human migration, ancestors pomegranate likely entered the Pimería Alta in the vicinity of San Ignacio, Sonora and came from there via the Tumacácori area to Tucson. That makes the mission stock this tree came from as much as 300 years old. Clones offered may be from a tree (over 100 years old) growing at the Sosa-Carrillo/Fremont House in downtown Tucson or from Quitobaquito springs in Organpipe Cactus National Monument.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a patio accent or specimen, for color, or to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy throughout the Tucson area.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate watering at regular intervals is needed for good fruiting and fruit retention. Feed 2-3 times a year.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do.



Pruning: As needed in the fall.