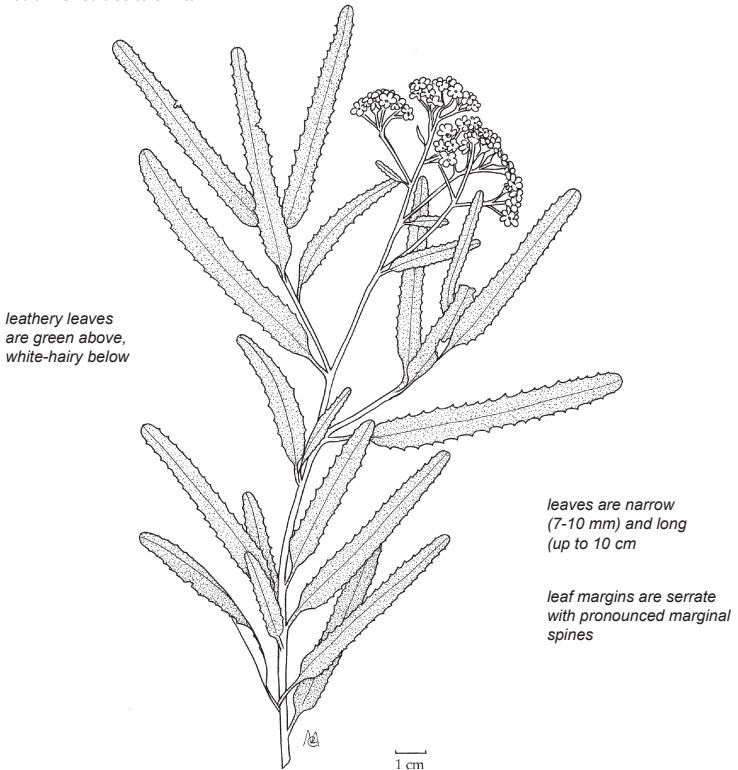


Medium-sized tree to 5 m tall



Rosaceae (Rose Family)

Phenology: leaves evergreen; flowers May to July; fruits ripen in fall.

Management Responsibility: NPS (Organ Pipe Cactus NM), Tohono O'odham Nation.

Similar Species: ssp. *californica* has broader leaves and less pronounced marginal teeth than ssp. *sonorensis* and the ranges of the two subspecies do not overlap. No other tree in the Ajo Mountains has long, narrow leaves with white undersides.

Synonym: *Vauquelinia californica* (Torr.) Sarg.

Notes: Hess and Henrickson (1987) split the species into four subspecies, based primarily on leaf characters.

References: Hess and Henrickson, 1987. Johnson et al, 1991. Rutman (personal observations, 1995-1999).



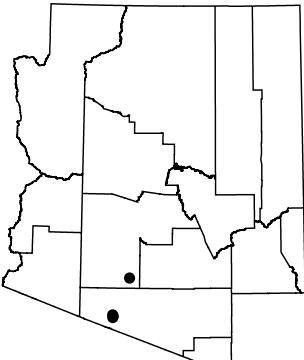
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Vauquelinia californica
ssp. sonorensis

Habitat: woodland or forest at base of cliffs, along canyon bottoms and on moderate to steep slopes of the Ajo Mountains, 2,300-4,800 ft (700-1465 m) elevation. Often found with *Juniperus coahuilensis* and *Quercus ajoensis*.



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Range: Ajo Mountains; also found in Sierra Cobabi, northern Sonora, Mexico.