

COMMON NAME:
ANDERSON WOLFBERRY

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
LYCIUM ANDERSONII

ALSO CALLED: ANDERSON THORNBUSH, ANDERSON LYCIUM, TOMATILLO, AND ANDERSON DESERT THORN

FLOWER COLOR: PALE BLUE OR WHITE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: ALTERNATE AND NORMALLY HANGING DOWN

FLOWERING TIME: DECEMBER-MAY

LEAVES: APPROXIMATELY 1/2" TO 1 1/4" LONG, BANANA-SHAPED, STEMLESS, DARK GREEN WITH SMOOTH EDGES

OBSERVABLE FRUIT: BRIGHT 1/4" TO 3/8" ORANGE FRUIT

NORMAL SIZE: 6'- 8'

NORMAL ELEVATION: 2000'-3000'

EDIBLE: YES AND TASTY BUT LITTLE APPRECIATED

HABITATION: SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL MOISTENED AREAS OF THE LOW DESERTS, ALLUVIAL PLAINS AND FOOTHILL SLOPES

OTHER LOOKALIKES: TORREY WOLFBERRY, FREMONT WOLFBERRY, BERLANDIER WOLFBERRY, FREMONT DESERT-THORN, PALE DESERT THORN

ABUNDANCE: EXTREMELY WIDESPREAD AND MOSTLY IN A 50 MILE RADIUS OF THE METRO PHOENIX AREA

NOTABLE DETAILS: LARGE ROUND WOODY BUSHES WITH SMALL GREEN LEAVES WHICH PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SMALL MINIATURE TOMATO-LIKE FRUITS.

SPECIAL INTEREST: THE FRUIT WAS USED FOR FOOD BY NATIVE AMERICANS AND MEXICAN RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA. THE FRUIT TASTES LIKE MINIATURE TOMATOES.