



Tucson's Native Plants Related to Crops

Selections determined by Caleb Weaver, Western SARE

Crop Plant	Family	Native Plants	Common Names
Tomato, Pepper, Eggplant	Solanaceae	<i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i> , <i>Lycium</i> spp.	Desert tobacco, Wolfberry
Squash, Melon, Gourd, Cucumber	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cucurbita digitata</i>	Coyote gourd, Finger gourd
Apple, Pear, Stone Fruit	Rosaceae	<i>Prunus fasciculata</i> , <i>Prunus serotina</i>	<i>Desert Almond</i> , Chokecherry
Raspberry, Strawberry	Rosaceae	<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i> , <i>Cercocarpus montanus</i> , <i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i> , <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i> , <i>Rosa</i> spp., <i>Rubus arizonensis</i> , <i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	<i>Serviceberry</i> , Mountain Mahogany, <i>Fernbush</i> , Apache-Plume, Arizona Rose, Fendler Rose, Arizona Blackberry, Arizona Rosewood
Grape	Vitaceae	<i>Parthenocissus inserta</i>	Virginia Creeper
Blueberry	Ericaceae	<i>Arctostaphylos pungens</i>	Manzanita
Beans, Peas	Fabaceae or Leguminosae	<i>Acacia</i> spp., <i>Caesalpinia</i> spp., <i>Calliandra</i> spp., <i>Cercidium</i> spp., <i>Coursetia glandulosa</i> , <i>Dalea</i> spp., <i>Desmodium</i> spp., <i>Erythrina flabelliformis</i> , <i>Lupinus</i> spp., <i>Lysiloma microphylla</i> , <i>Mimosa</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus grayanus</i> , <i>Prosopis</i> spp., <i>Rhynchosia</i> spp., <i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	<i>Acacia</i> , <i>Bird-of-Paradise</i> , Fairy Duster, Palo Verde, <i>Coursetia</i> , <i>Dalea</i> , Tickclover, Southwest Coral Bean, Lupine, Feather Tree, Wait-a-minute bush, <i>Mimosa</i> , Gray's Beanvine, Mesquite, Snoutbean, New Mexico Locust

*Includes species available at Desert Survivors Nursery or Native Seeds/SEARCH

**Also plant agave, sotol and native grasses for bee habitat

***Italicized plants not native to Pima County