

Publication announcement: *Legumes of Arizona – an Illustrated Flora and Reference*

We're delighted to announce the publication of *Legumes of Arizona – an Illustrated Flora and Reference* by BRIT Press (shopbritpress.org). The project involved five editors, 40 authors, 28 illustrators, 7 photographers, a managing editor, a copy editor and a map maker — all contributing deep expertise, on a generously volunteer basis.

The aim of the book is to present information on all 89 genera and 381 species that are native, naturalized, or commonly cultivated in Arizona. To set the context, eight introductory chapters provide perspective on geology, geography, weather, and climate, as well as a history of botanical exploration and a description of modern bioprospecting. Keys cover the non-cultivated and commonly cultivated taxa together, to facilitate identification of any legume in the state. Maps provide generalized ranges, each genus has at least one hand-drawn illustration, and several pages of color photos are included. Cultural and horticultural uses are provided throughout.

The book is the product of a collaboration between the University of Arizona Herbarium, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and the Desert Legume Program (now housed at BTA).

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