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Morus microphylla

[Synonyms : *Morus confinis*, *Morus crataegifolia*, *Morus grisea*, *Morus radulina*]

TEXAS MULBERRY is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to south-western North America (from western Texas to northern Mexico) it has tiny inconspicuous green flowers.

It is also known as Little-leaf mulberry.

The plant contains milky sap.

Microphylla is derived from Greek *micro-* (small) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components.

The Yavapai North American Indians and parts of the Apache tribe ate the raspberry-like raw dark purplish-red berries – and while some Apache spread the dried fruit on mescal buttons (*Lophophora williamsii*) other Apaches stored dried cakes of the fruit for food in Winter.

Some of the Tohono O’Odham used twigs to make baskets. They also peeled the bark from long shoots, laid them in hot ashes and dried them for making bows. In some of the Apache tribe the wood was highly prized for the bows they used in battle.