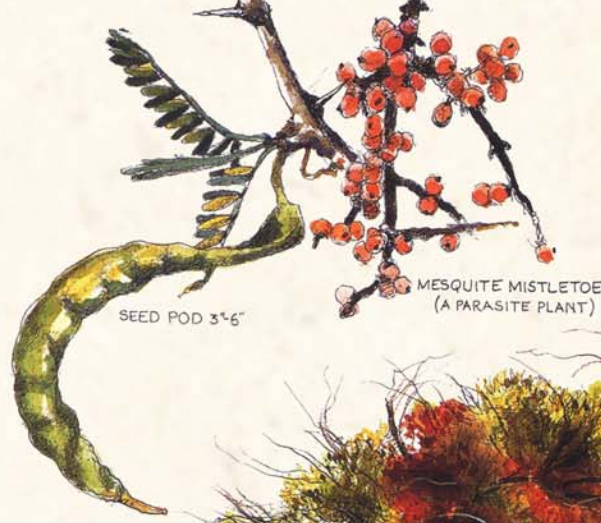


# Desert Woodland: Mesquite Bosque

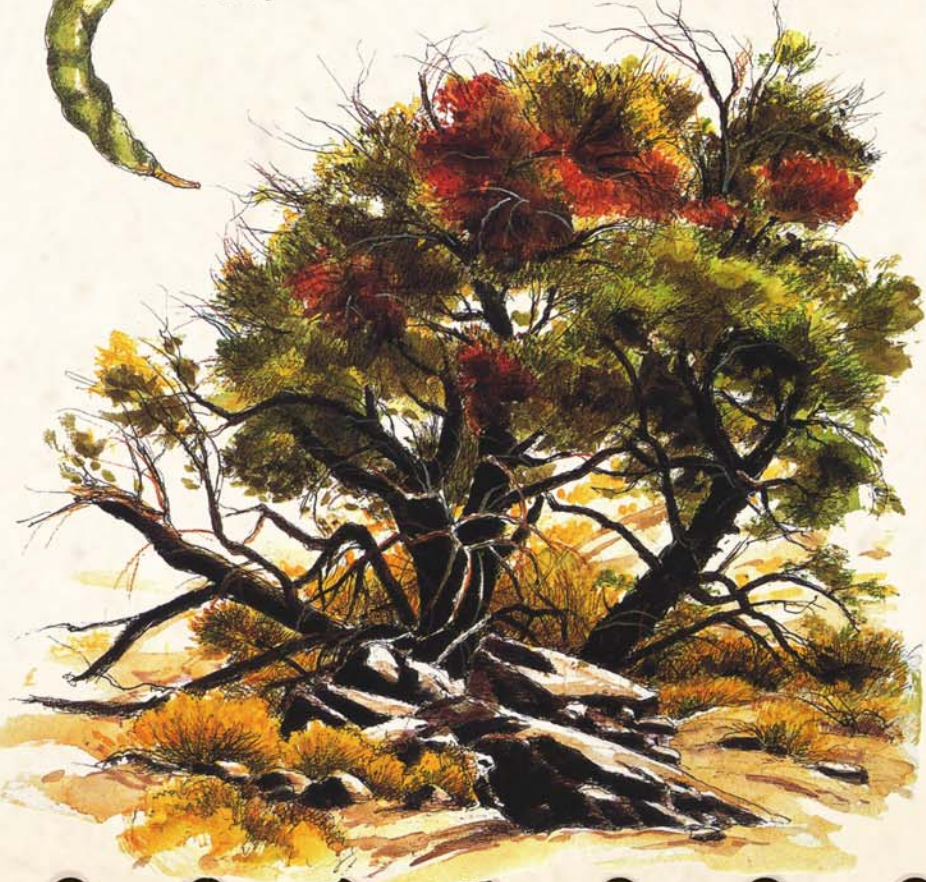
Two kinds of mesquite trees native to the Mojave Desert grow here at Sunset Park. Their roots can reach water over 100 feet below the ground. Thorny mesquite trees make safe homes for birds and animals. Their nutritious seedpods are eaten by wildlife and by people. Native Americans made the pods into a meal or flour for cooking. Mesquite flour can be purchased at specialty food stores today.

## Honey Mesquite

PROSOPIS GLANDULOSA 10'-15'



Honey Mesquite trees often host Desert Mistletoe (*Phorodendron californicum*), a parasitic plant. They produce seedpods that look like long string beans.



Great Purple Hairstreak butterflies are actually metallic blue in color and have wing spans of nearly two inches. Their caterpillars feed on the Desert Mistletoe found in Mesquite trees.



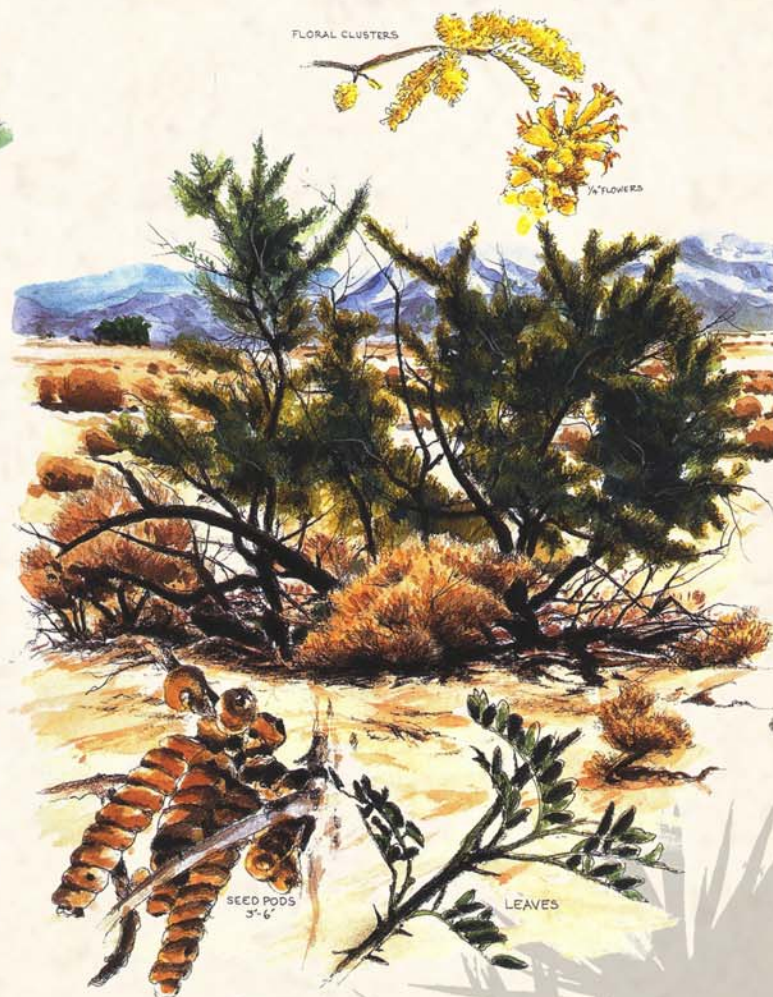
### Dusty Discovery's Dictionary

**Mesquite Bosque** - Open woodland of mesquite trees and shrubs in the southwest United States, often along a stream or in a floodplain.



The attractive, crested Phainopepla nests in mesquite trees. It feeds on Desert Mistletoe (*Phorodendron californicum*) berries as well as insects.

Screwbean Mesquite may also have Desert Mistletoe growing in them. Their seedpods look like tightly coiled screws.



PROSOPIS PUBESCENS 10'-15'

## Screwbean Mesquite

