



Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. aspleniifolius
Santa Cruz Island Ironwood

Tree

Full sun

Moderate water

Origin: Channel Islands of California.

This tree is a fairly quick-growing evergreen tree reaching a maximum height of 60 feet high and 40 wide. Growth is upright and somewhat irregular. The fibrous older bark is gray brown and shreds to reveal deep cinnamon red new bark. The edges leaves are scalloped and look similar to a fern. Large clusters of white flowers bloom in summer and are held out from the foliage. The clusters fade to brown and gray and persist on the tree.

It can become chlorotic (yellow leaves) in heavy soils and with excessive watering. Remove dead branches and flowers as needed for appearance. Deep water a few times in the summer by letting a hose dribble a few feet from trunk for several hours.