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"This book will fill a gap in Texas plant books. *Woody Plants of the Big Bend and Trans-Pecos* will be an important contribution to wildlife management in the region. There are no similar books like this one. This concise, informative and well-illustrated book will be indispensable for landowners, professionals, students or anyone interested in the practical habitat value of common Trans Pecos shrubs." — Steve Nelle, former USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service wildlife biologist

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"Woody plants perform valuable functions in a desert ecosystem known by this fourth-generation Texan as 'The Trans-Pecos.' This book will prove to be invaluable for anyone who calls this region home or has spent any time there at all. Louis Harveson has added immensely to our body of knowledge about these plants that hold the world of the Trans-Pecos together." —Fred C. Bryant, Leroy G. Denman Jr. Endowed Director of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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