

SILK TREE



General Notes

Fast growing, but messy because of fruit and flower litter. Caterpillars are more of a problem back east than in California. Shade tree tolerant of a variety of conditions.

Native to Southwestern and Eastern Asia.

Additional Common Names

SILK TREE, MIMOSA TREE, PINK SIRIS, PERSIAN SILK TREE

Tree Characteristics

Spreading with a Low Canopy. Rounded, Umbrella or Vase Shape. Has Deciduous foliage.

Height: 20 - 35 feet. Growth Rate: 36 Inches per Season.

Longevity Less than 50 years.

Leaves Bipinnately Compound, Light Green, Bronze or Gold, Deciduous.

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Flowers Showy. Pink or Rose. Flowers in Spring or Summer. Has perfect flowers (male and female parts in each flower).

Prolific, Brown Pod, Very Large (Over 3.00 inches), fruiting in Fall, Winter or Summer.

Bark Dark Gray, Smooth.

Shading Capacity Rated as Low to Moderately Dense in Leaf.

Shading Capacity Rated as Low out of Leaf.

Litter Issue is Flowers and Dry Fruit.

Tree Site Conditions & Constraints

Sunset Zones 4 - 23. USDA Hardiness Zones 6 - 9.

Exposure Full Sun to Partial Shade.

Moist to Dry Soil.

Clay, Loam or Sand Texture.

Highly Acidic to Highly Alkaline Soil pH.

Seaside Tolerance is Good in Mild Zone.

Pests & Disease Information

Susceptible to Caterpillars, Fusarium and Root Rot.

Health, Safety & Environmental Concerns

Branch Strength Rated as Medium Weak

Root Damage Potential Rated as Moderate.

Allergy Health Hazard.

Biogenic Emissions considered Moderate.

Attracts Birds.

Not Deer Palatable.

Special Uses & Values - - - Shade Tree, Street Tree or Screen.