

## Thespesia populnea

### (Indian tulip tree, Pacific rosewood, Portia tree)

Although *Thespesia populnea* can be considered messy since it drops numerous leaves and dry seed capsules year round. However, it is easy to grow and care of, for it is tolerant to drought, salt water and heat. All it needs is to be grown in a full-partial sunny area.

Its yellow and orange flowers bloom year round; they live for a day to turn into a grey brown capsule the day after. *Thespesia populnea* is native to the Old World, Australia, China, and India.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**French Name:** porcher

**Pronunciation:** thess-PEE-zee-uh pop-ULL-nee-uh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Australia, China, India

**Heat Zones:** 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Hardiness Zones:** 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Shade

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 10 to 15 meters, Over 15 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Cordate

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate

**Leaf Textures:** Fine, Medium, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green, Yellow

**Color(changing season):** Green, Yellow

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange

**Seasons:** Year Round

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Brown, Grey

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image