

Chorisia speciosa

(Floss silk tree)

Chorisia speciosa is a rounded, medium to large deciduous tree, distinguished by its swollen, prickly trunk and green spiny bark. It is spectacular when in bloom, producing an outstanding show of pink flower color. The fruits are 20 centimetres long pods surrounded by cotton like substance.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Chorisia

Pronunciation: koe-RIZZ-ee-uh spee-see-OH-suh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: South America, Argentina, Brazil

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

Surface roots can damage sidewalks. Light frosts will not damage the tree but will cause it to drop its flowers.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Palmately Compound

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Pink

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Colored, Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Grafting

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Bark Image



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