

Plumeria obtusa

(Obtuse Frangipani, Singapore Graveyard Flower)

Large shrub or small tree with a spreading canopy. The large leathery leaves are arranged spirally around the tip of the branches. The flowers are white with yellow in the middle has very strong sweet scent. These flowers are also used in the perfume industry. The plant has white saps which can cause skin irritation. The plant is used only in warm regions or planted in container and over wintered in cool indoor places. Grows best in full sun or in partial shade. Best used as a specimen tree.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Frangipanier

Pronunciation: ploo-MEER-ee-a ob-TOO-suh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Caribbean

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

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

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Spreading, Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral
Leaf Venation: Pinnate
Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen
Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 10 - 20
Leaf Shape: Obovate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Leathery
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 3 - 7
Flower Type: Umbel
Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)
Flower Scent: Pleasant
Flower Color: Yellow
Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle
Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Brown
Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Root rot

Edible Parts: None

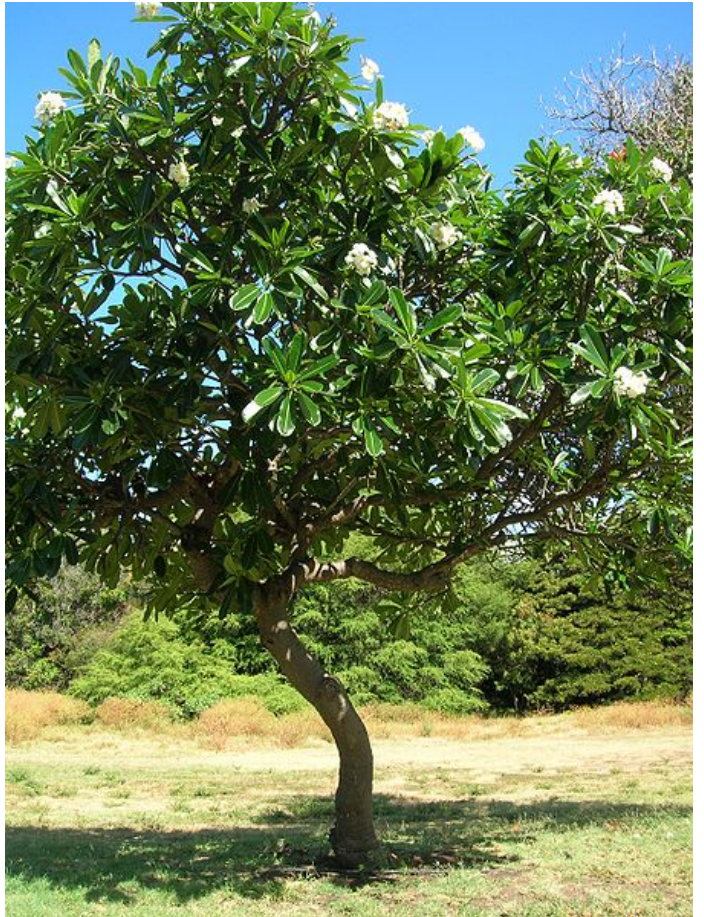
Pests: Thrips, Scales, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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