

Lantana camara

(Lantana, Spanish flag)

Lantana camara is a low, erect, vigorous shrub with spiny branches which can grow to 2 - 4 meters in height. Leaves are ovate dark green with a pungent smell. The flowers are small, grouped in a showy heads varying in color opening pink, white, and yellow and becoming red. Flower throughout the year. Fruits are fleshy drupes, black purple. Seeds very easily and germinates anywhere, everywhere. The plant is very invasive if it is not kept within boundaries. The plant is poisonous mainly the unripe fruit. Used as a background planting or low hedges. Tolerates shade but does best on full sun. It has drought and salt tolerances.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lantana camara

Lantanah :**Arabic Name**

Pronunciation: lan-TAN-a kuh-MAR-uh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: West Indies, Tropical America

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red, White, Pink

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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