Bauhinia variegata

(Orchid-Tree)

Orchid tree is a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia. It is a deciduous tree which loses its leaves before it blooms. It is known for its large, orchid-like flowers which range red to purple to pink. The bloom is followed by large seedpods which create a litter problem. It does best on dry soils in full sun and requires pruning throughout its life.

Bauhinia variegata 'candida' is a fast growing tree with two-lobed deciduous leaves and white flowers.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Arbre aux orchidées,

Pronounciation: bah-HIN-ee-uh vair-ee-eh-

GAY-tuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: India, Viet Nam and southeastern

China

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

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

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Pollution Tolerant /

Urban, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast **Tree Shape:** Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

The fruit pods stay persistent on the tree.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistance: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm Leaf Shape: Orbiculate Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow, Brown

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 7 - 10 Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragance

Flower Color: White Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected

to breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be

trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

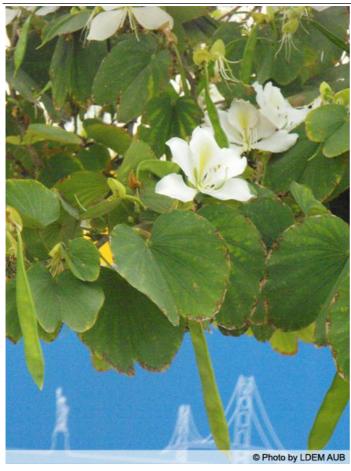
Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume Fruit Showiness: True Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20 Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes **Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a

strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No Life Span: 25-50 years Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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