

## Kigelia africana

### (Sausage Tree)

Sausage Tree is a semi deciduous tree native to africa. It has dark red flowers, with an unpleasant scent, that becomes huge, brown, sausage-like fruits that can be 1 meter long and about 7kg weight. These features makes the tree an ideal specimen to use in tropical gardens.

The ideal conditions to plant this tree in are moist fertile soils with average drainage, and in full sun. This tree is heat, drought and salt tolerant.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Kigélie d'Afrique

**Arabic Name:** كجلة أفريقية

**Pronunciation:** ky-GEL-ee-uh af-ri-KAHN-uh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Eastern Africa, Middle Africa

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

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

**Uses:** Specimen, Shade

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:**

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

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

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

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Reticulate

**Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Odd Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Oblong

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Scent:** Unpleasant

**Flower Color:** Brown, Red

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Smooth, Fissured, Colored

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** Over 20 cm

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

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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:** Loam, Sand
  - Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline
  - Water Requirements:** Low
  - Light Requirements:** Full
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**Management**

- Toxity:** Yes
  - Invasive Potential:** No
  - Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No
  - Edible Parts:** Seeds
  - Plant Propagations:** Seed, Grafting
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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image