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 speciment 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
Pronounciation: 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

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Reticualte

Leaf Persistance: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compund

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Undulate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Scent: Unpleasant

Flower Color: Brown, Red

Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth, Fissured, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Edible Parts: Seeds

Plant Propagations: Seed, Grafting

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