

Cupaniopsis anacardioides

(Carrotwood, Tuckeroo)

Carrotwood is a evergreen tree with green compound leaves that smell like fresh carrot when they are crushed, hence the name. It produces large amounts of orange-red fruits which attract birds and small animals, and may be a litter problem. It grows in full sun and all soil types, and handles salt, heat, drought, and wet soil with ease. Selective pruning in the crown will allow turf to grow underneath; otherwise, it casts a dense shade. It is known to be invasive in some areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cupaniopsis, bois de carotte

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Australia

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

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

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Wildlife, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m, 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters, 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate
Leaf Venation: Pinnate
Leaf Persistence: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Oblong
Leaf Margins: Undulate, Entire
Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium
Leaf Scent: Pleasant
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False
Flower Size Range: 10 - 20
Flower Type: Panicle
Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)
Flower Scent: No Fragrance
Flower Color: Green, White
Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False
Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage
Number of Trunks: Single Trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy
Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange, Red
Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Wilts

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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Bark Image



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