

Cassia didymobotrya

(Popcorn Cassia, Peanut Butter Cassia)

It is bushy evergreen shrub. The plant has a strong scent which has been variously described as being reminiscent of mice, wet dog, peanut butter, and burnt popcorn. The young shots and leaves are finely silky. Leaves are pinnate, flowers are large cup shaped golden yellow. It grows well on sandy soil full sun and has some drought tolerance therefore could be used in xeriscaping. Can be also used as a barrier, screen or foundational plant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: KASS-ee-uh did-ee-mo-BOT-ree-uh
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Tropical Africa
Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Wildlife
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: oval
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 7 - 10

Fruit Colors: Brown, Black

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations:

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