

chrysobalanus icaco

(cocoplum, paradise plum, abajeru or icaco)

Chrysobalanus icaco is a shrub with evergreen broad-oval to nearly round somewhat leathery leaves, clustered flowers are small, greenish-white, and appear intermittently throughout the year but more abundantly in late spring. The fruit that follows up to 5 cm in diameter, white, pale-yellow with a rose blush or dark-purple in color and is edible, sometimes used for jam. Chrysobalanus icaco is unable to survive a hard frost but is planted as an ornamental shrub in subtropical regions

It is suitable for xeriscaping and easily manageable



Plant Image

Landscape Information

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| Pronunciation: kriss-oh-bah-LAY-nuss eye-KAY-koe |
| Plant Type: Shrub |
| Heat Zones: |
| Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12 |
| Uses: Screen, Hedge, Container, Edible, Reclamation |
| Size/Shape |
| Growth Rate: Moderate |
| Tree Shape: Round, Vase |
| Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical |
| Canopy Density: Dense |
| Canopy Texture: Fine |
| Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m |
| Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters |

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Winter, Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Colors: Purple, Pink

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements:

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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