

Cassia javanica

(Appleblossom Cassia, Pink and White Shower Tree)

Appleblossom cassia is a deciduous tree with compound leaves comprised of leaflets. It is covered with variegated cluster of pink flowers that tend to bloom in spring or summer, when it is warm and dry. Some flowers produce dangling seed pods after pollination. It can tolerate different soils as well as salt and drought, but grows best in full sun. The pollen can cause allergies and the seeds are poisonous if ingested.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Casse de Java
Pronunciation: CASS-ee-ah jah-VAN-ih-kah
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: Southeastern Asia
Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Specimen, Shade, Street
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: oval, Spreading, Vase
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Even Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth, Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Brown, Black

Seasons: Summer

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Fruit Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed
