

## Cassia biflora

### (Desert Cassia)

Desert Cassia is a small tree with a feathery branches and arching canopy. The yellow flower is visited by bees and butterflies all the time. The fine feathery compound leaves are evergreen but might be shed if the winter becomes too dry or too cold. It grows best on full sun and well drained sandy soil. Can tolerate drought and heat. It appears the best if it left to grow into an umbrella shape canopy.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**Pronunciation:** KASS-ee-uh bay-FLO-ra

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**Plant Type:** Tree

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**Origin:** Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Bahamas

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**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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

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**Uses:** Bonsai, Container, Street

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 8 to 10 meters

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### 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:** Medium  
**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Color(growing season):** Green  
**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True  
**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7  
**Flower Type:** Panicle  
**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)  
**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange  
**Seasons:** Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False  
**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage  
**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk  
**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Legume  
**Fruit Showiness:** True  
**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Summer

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image