

Caesalpinia pulcherrima

(Dwarf Poinciana)

The dwarf Poinciana is a fast growing large shrub or small tree. Leaves are bright green bi-pinnate feathery. Flowers are very showy yellow and orange in the middle appearing throughout the year. The fruits are pod. Makes a good specimen and used as barrier. All plant parts are poisonous. Grows well in drained sandy soil and needs full sun.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Césalpinie la plus belle, Petit Flamboyant

Pronunciation: sez-al-PIN-ee-uh pul-KAIR-ih-muh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: South America

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

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Windbreak, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Bipinnately compound

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

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: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

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

Trunk Esthetic Values: Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

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, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

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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Fruit Image



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