

# Jatropha integerrima

## (Peregrina)

Peregrina, the tropical evergreen tree or large shrub is native of Cuba, reaching a height of 3 meters with an equal spread. It makes a delightful red flower blooming all year around and attracting hummingbirds and butterflies. It can also be found with a pink flower in some nurseries. It will flower best, grown in full sun.

The fact the seed capsule holds toxic seeds should be taking into consideration specially with children around.



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Plant Image

### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Pérégrine, Médecinier, Jatropha-fleur

**Pronunciation:** jat-ROE-fuh in-teh-GAIR-rih-muh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Cuba

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

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

**Uses:** Specimen, Container

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round, Weeping, Vase

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

### Notes

Make sure to keep children out of fruiting trees as the seed is poisonous .

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Obovate

**Leaf Margins:** Lobate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red

**Seasons:** 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

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

## Horticulture Management

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### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:**

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**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:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Scales, Leaf Miner

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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