

Tipuana tipu

(Tipu Tree)

This broad, flat-topped, medium-sized tree bears compound leaves and produces a bright yellow flower which attracts bees. The flowers are followed by a showy samara type of fruits. This semi-evergreen tree is best suited into areas where wet and dry seasons are changing. Tipuana adapts to many soil types.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Tipuana

Pronunciation: tip-oo-AY-nuh TYE-poo

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: South America, Argentina, Brazil

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

Tipu grows well in sidewalk cutouts, but like other medium and large sized trees will eventually lift the walk

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Samara

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements:

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Canker

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Borers

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

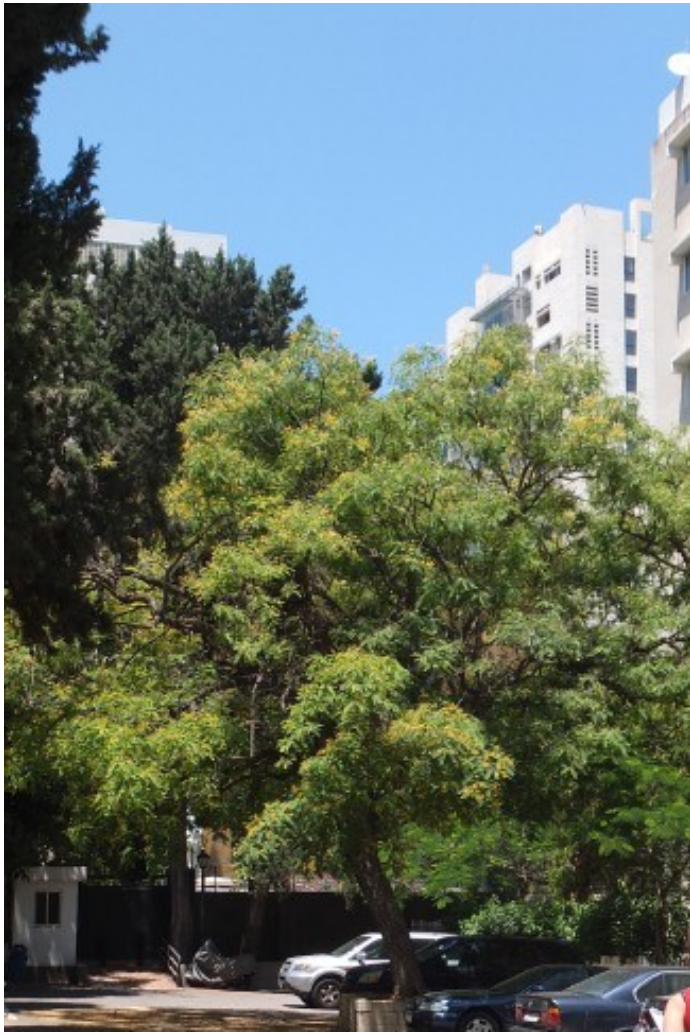
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