

Brachychiton discolor

(Scrub bottle tree, Queensland lace bark, Hat tree)

Scrub bottle tree is known for its bottle-shaped trunk and bright, rose-colored flowers. After flowering, large brown seed pods develop, which split open to release yellow seeds. The bottle shape of the trunk develops when dry winters are followed by moist summers. It tolerates drought and light winter freezes, and grows in non-alkaline soil. The leaves and fruit harbor hairs that can cause serious skin irritation.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Arbre bouteille
Arabic Name:	استركوليا لوريدا
Plant Type:	Tree
Origin:	Australia
Heat Zones:	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Hardiness Zones:	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses:	Specimen, Shade, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Fast
Tree Shape:	oval
Canopy Symmetry:	Irregular
Canopy Density:	Medium
Canopy Texture:	Coarse
Height at Maturity:	15 to 23 m, Over 23
Spread at Maturity:	10 to 15 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Lobate, Parted

Leaf Textures: Hairy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Blue-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, Pink

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 7 - 10, 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Brown

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

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

Edible Parts: Seeds, None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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Bark Image



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