

## Nelumbo nucifera

### (sacred lotus)

Sacred lotus is an aquatic plant that has a luxurious look. It has a large orbiculate, water proof (waxy texture) blue green leaf. This plant blooms in late spring or in summer. It has a beautiful flower that could be pink or white, and that has a short life of three days.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** lotus

**Arabic Name:** زنبق الماء

**Pronunciation:** nee-LUM-bo noo-SIFF-er-uh

**Plant Type:**

**Origin:** Southern Asia, northern Australia

**Heat Zones:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

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

**Uses:** Specimen, Wildlife, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:**

**Height at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 2 to 5 Years

#### Notes

Aquatic plant. Grows on water.

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Over 80 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Orbiculate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Blue-Green

**Color(changing season):** Blue-Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Nut

**Fruit Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral

**Water Requirements:** High

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** Leaf, Seeds

**Pests:** Mites, Whitefly

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Rhizomes

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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