

Annona cherimola

(Cherimoya, Custard Apple)

The tree is erect but low branched and looks shrubby or spreading reaching a maximum of 6-8 m. The leaves are briefly deciduous just before spring flowering the tree drops the leaves. The flowers are fragrant and small and for good fruiting needs hand pollination. The fruit is green outside and white with a black seeds inside. The pulp is very sweet. The tree is commonly grown in the tropical areas. Needs irrigation regularly and can not withstand any frost.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Le Chérimolier
Pronunciation: uh-NO-nuh che-ree-MO-yuh
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: South America
Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11
Uses: Espalier, Specimen, Shade, Edible
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Spreading
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Dense
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Annona cherimola

(Cherimoya, Custard Apple)



Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery

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: Pleasant

Flower Color: Green, Pink

Seasons: Summer, Winter

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, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Aggregate

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Green

Seasons: Summer, Winter

Annona cherimola

(Cherimoya, Custard Apple)



Other Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: 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: 25-50 years

Diseases: Fungus

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars, Mealy-Bug, Snail

Plant Propagations: Seed, Layering, Grafting
