

Manilkara zapota

(Sopadilla)

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A superb shade, street, or fruit tree that has an esthetic value, since it has a big canopy of spread 15 meters, and glossy leaves that make it shine in the sun. Flowering all year round makes it a tree of interest.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

**Pronunciation:** man-ill-KAR-uh zuh-POE-tuh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Tropical America

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11

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

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Shade, Edible, Street

Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Pyramidal, Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 10 to 15 meters

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

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Oblong

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Smooth, Glossy, Medium, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Year Round

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Rough Texture

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Pests:** Scales, Flies

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Grafting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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