

Cassia bicapsularis

(Winter Cassia, Butterfly Bush)

Winter Cassia is known to wake up while the others are preparing for winter. It’s native to Northern South America, from Panama to Venezuela and Colombia. It’s a semi-evergreen shrub, reaching a height of 3 meters with an equal spread. The beautifully shaped bright yellow flowers attract bees and butterflies.

This shrub can be pruned to become a tree but requires staking to hold them upright.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Bois cabrit
<b>Pronunciation:</b> KASS-ee-uh bye-kap-soo-LAIR-iss
<b>Plant Type:</b> Shrub
<b>Origin:</b> North South America
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
<b>Uses:</b> Specimen, Container
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Moderate
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Round, Vase
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Irregular
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Open
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Fine
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 meters
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 5 to 10 Years

## Cassia bicapsularis

(Winter Cassia, Butterfly Bush)



Flower Image

---

### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Even Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Obovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

---

#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Fall

---

#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

---

#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Legume

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Fall

---

## Cassia bicapsularis

(Winter Cassia, Butterfly Bush)



Leaf Image

---

### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

---

#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

---

#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Caterpillars

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

---