

Jatropha podagrica

(Buddha Belly Plant, Bottleplant Shrub)

Rarely found succulent plant with 1-1.5 m height. Swollen trunk and huge lobed leaves and brilliant scarlet coral like flowers. The flowers are are long-lasting, you will see them almost year round. Jatropha plant parts can be toxic, especially seeds. Keep your eye on small kids and don't let them play with Jatropha seeds



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: JAT-roh-fuh pod-AG-ree-kuh

Plant Type:

Origin: Tropical Americas

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Palmately Compound

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Red

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown, Red

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements:

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements:

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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