

## Cassia siamea

### (Kassod Tree)

A medium sized evergreen tree, native of Southeast Asia from Indonesia to Sri Lanka. It can easily reach a height of 10 meters but rarely makes it to 20 meters. The leaves are deep yellow-green leaves, 10 - 35cm long. The yellow irregular flowers bloom in late summer.

The wood can be used for posts, construction, mine timber, furniture, cabinetwork, inlays, turnery, and fuel. Tannin can be extracted from the bark. The tree can be utilized to reforest denuded hills and mining sites, as host for sandalwood, for shade and hedges, as windbreaks, and it can be planted as an ornamental.



Plant Image

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#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Casse de Ciam

**Pronunciation:** KASS-ee-uh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Southeast Asia from Indonesia to Sri Lanka

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

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

**Uses:** Hedge, Shade, Windbreak, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:**

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

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

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Bipinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 20 - 30

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Smooth

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green, Yellow

**Color(changing season):** Green, Yellow

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Raceme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Trunk

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

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Legume

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image



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