

Clusia rosea

(Pitch-Apple, autograph tree)

This wide-spreading, densely-foliated, rounded evergreen tree has a short trunk and broad, thickened, dark green, leathery leaves. Leaves can be written on with a fingernail. In summer, the showy, pink and white flowers appear and are followed by fleshy, light green, poisonous fruits. The seeds are very attractive to birds bees, butterflies and other wildlife. It is suitable for xeriscaping



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: KLOO-see-uh ROE-zee-uh

Plant Type:

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Espalier, Specimen, Container, Shade, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m, 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7, 7 - 10, 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Green, Black

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements:

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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