

## 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

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### 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

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White, Pink

**Seasons:** Summer

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### Tolerance

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:**

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

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

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image