

## Bulnesia arborea

### (Bulnesia, Verawood Tree)

Vera wood is a beautiful tropical tree native to Colombia and Venezuela. Slow growing evergreen can be found in the dry tropical forest area therefore can resist drought very well. The tree has compound leaves and displays golden yellow flowers during summer months. Produces large decorative samara fruits. The bark of the tree is reddish and flakes off in a visually appealing way. The wood is used for furniture. The plant prefers full sun and well drained soil. It can tolerate poor soils and salty conditions.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Palo santo, Bulnesia

**Pronunciation:** bul-NEE-zee-uh ar-BORE-ee-uh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** South America

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Shade, Street

#### Size/Shape

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 8 to 10 meters

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Even Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Fine

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

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

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

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Intermediate Texture

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Samara

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Layering

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