

Botanical Name: Ficus religiosa

Common Name: Bo-Tree, Peepul

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen to decidu.

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree, with large spreading
branches forming open rounded canopy, tends to drop leaves in March-April

Height 30-50' (60') Spread equal Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most, including wet adobe soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 13,19,21,23,24); grows best in coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, 4-8" long, blade is cordate-ovate
with extremely elongated (aristate) apex; petiole is 2-8" long

Flowers inconspicuous, greenish

Fruit small synconium "fig", often in pairs

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: a large accent tree, used for distinctive foliage and open,
rounded form; large shade or lawn tree; has shallow, aggressive root system;
needs training to maintain distinctive form

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; thrives in heavily irrigated areas

Fertilizing balanced, in late spring; check for chlorosis

Pruning head high when young, develop a wide-spreading scaffold

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: India Family: Moraceae