

Botanical Name: Chitalpa x tashkentensis

Common Name: Chitalpa

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a mostly multi-trunked tree, with rapid growth forming a  
loosely rounded canopy; a large Oleander-shaped shrub if unpruned - easily  
developed into tree-form

Height 20' - 30' Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full-sun habitats at most locations; tolerates  
some shade at hot inland sites

Soil prefers well-draining; tolerates clay if not overwatered

Hardiness hardy (zones 12, 13, 18-24): best suited for warm, low-  
elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite or whorled, elliptic-lanceolate; bright  
green, 3"-5" long

Flowers light pink to white, trumpet-shaped, with ruffled edges to  
the corolla; throat of corolla purple-striped; May - July

Fruit if present, a long silique (3"-4" long)

Propagation: semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent small to medium-sized accent tree, valued for  
its heavy flower display, lush 'tropical' appearance and drought tolerance;  
patio tree or slope tree; can be used as large background mass-screen if  
unpruned

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak (14-21 days in summer) - drops  
leaves early if drought-stressed

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning head high and develop primary branch structure selectively  
head back and thin after flowering to maintain size

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions a hybrid of Chilopsis linearis X Catalpa bignonioides

Origin: hybrid cultivar Family: Bignoniaceae