

Botanical Name: Tipuana tipu

Common Name: Tipu tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a mostly single-trunked, erect tree, with a massive primary branch structure; canopy is irregularly oval-rounded when young, becoming very broad when mature

Height 25-50' Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun (likes heat) preferred; tolerates partial

Soil tolerates most except strongly alkaline dry soils

Hardiness some frost to 25 F (zones 13-16,18-24); hot, humid areas

Morphology:

Leaves odd-pinnately compound, opposite, 18-20" long, with mostly 11-21 oval-oblong light green leaflets

Flowers yellow, sweet-pea shaped, in profuse terminal and axillary clusters; late spring-summer

Fruit a pod: 1-1/2" - 2-1/2" long, flat, light brown when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very large, fast-growing shade tree or lawn tree, large street tree; utilized mainly for subtropical-tropical landscape areas on a large scale; very messy (flower, fruit and leaf drop throughout the year)

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; mature plants tolerate some drought

Fertilizing balanced, in spring and late summer; older need little

Pruning head high and develop primary branch framework; thin out

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: So. America Family: Fabaceae