

## Albizia saman, Rain Tree, Gulabi Siris - Plant



Albizia saman is a species of flowering tree in the pea family, Fabaceae, that is native to the Neotropics.

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Description

### Description for Albizia saman, Rain Tree, Gulabi Siris

Large, handsome and spreading, the Rain Tree is easily recognised by its umbrella like canopy of evergreen, feathery foliage and puffs of pink flowers. It is frequently planted in groups or as an avenue because of its ability to keep its symmetrical conformation in spite of prevailing winds. It is a tree of rapid growth, brought originally from Central America to Sri Lanka and forwarded from there because it was considered to be a tree of great value for railway fuel. It often reaches a height of 27 m. and the strong, spreading branches may be nearly as long. The bark is dark grey, often bearing horizontal weals and the trunk frequently branches quite low down.

From March to May and again towards the end of the year the green canopy is dotted all over with pink and white. During the rest of the year, too, there are usually quite a few flowers to be seen. The flowers appear like round, silken tufts, but actually each flower stalk bears one central and a surrounding cirlet of florets, up to twenty in number. Each has a tube-shaped calyx and a tiny, yellow-lobed, crimson trumpet; bunches of long stamens, half pink and half white, protrude from each.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Rain Tree, Coco tamarind, Acacia preta, French tamarind, Saman, Monkey pod	Pink	May	50.00 to 80.00 feet	easy to grow

### Planting and care

Water your rain trees two to three times per week for the first three months after planting if it does not rain. The soil around the roots must be kept uniformly moist but not muddy. Give the tree 2 to 3 gallons of water each time.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	well-drained soil	Medium	35-40 degrees F	Apply any organic fertilizer

### Caring for Albizia saman

Root-knot nematodes can infest these trees, making them appear water-stressed if the infestation is severe. There is no treatment to rid the tree of them, but with proper, regular watering and fertilizing, with good drainage, the trees are usually vigorous enough to survive the infestation. Sterilizing pruning tools helps prevent an infestation.

## Typical uses of Albizia saman

**Special features:** Impressive tropical shade tree. Along roads, parks and pastures. Generally considered to be an attractive landscape tree, but needs a large space. Avoid planting in areas where wilt is a problem.

**Culinary use:** na

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose. Its generally kep indoor in living room and in terrac area.

## References

- <http://ask.nurserylive.com/>
- <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>
- <http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Rain%20Tree.html>

## Reviews

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Nice plant without any damages????

Claire Montgomery

Wednesday, 26 July 2017

Very much happy with the product and service.

Aashi Sharma

Tuesday, 25 July 2017

Broken stems and spilled soil brought the plant in irreparable condition,with yellowing blackening leaves and smell in the soil

Kanishk Bhushan

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