

Azadirachta Indica, Neem - 0.5 Kg Seeds



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Description Neem tree is basically a tropical tree. It can grow at any high temperature but the entirely wet provinces are unsuitable for its growth. Neem tree belongs to a category called mesophyte means it can exist neither in a dry environment nor in seasonally wet areas. Moreover, it cannot tolerate drought conditions. Neem tree is well known for its medicinal value, and India is supposed to be its origin.

Common name: Neem tree, Nim, Margosa Tree, Vepa, Nimbay, Yepa, Pichumarda

Color: White

Bloom time: March to May

Height: 15–20 metres (49–66 ft), rarely to 35–40 metres (115–131 ft)

Difficulty level: Very Easy

Planting & Care

It needs and positively thrives in hot weather, but it can handle the occasional cold spell.

Sunlight: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Soil: Any

Water: Dry

Temperature: Temperatures up to 50°C (120F) are fine for growing neem trees.

Care:

- The seeds should be good.
- Provided that only a few trees are to be planted, and there is sufficient moisture available, with minimum weeds, the seeds may be sown directly into the ground.
- Two to three seeds are placed together about 1 cm deep in loose soil.
- After germination, only the strongest plant should be retained.
- When planting a large number, it is advisable to cultivate young plants first in pots, trays or plastic bags.
- After 3 months, they should be transplanted into the ground.

- When using bags or pots care should be taken that the plants are not allowed to develop to a stage where the tap root has pierced the bottom and has to be shortened before transplantation.
- This weakens the trees and substantially slows their growth.

Harvesting: Neem trees bloom for the first time when they have reached the age of 2 to 3 years, and bear fruit at the age of 3 to 4 years. They normally produce fruit once a year, but in some moist zones twice a year. The fruit of the neem can either be shaken off the tree, picked, or stripped from the branches. When ripe it is yellow in colour, about 2 cm in length and oval-shaped. In the soft, sweet fruit there is a light-coloured seed of about 1.5 cm in length, containing one, or sometimes two, brown seed kernels. After harvesting the fruit the ripe pulp should be removed as quickly as possible. In some regions, birds or fruit bats eat the sweet pulp, so that a lot of clean seeds can be found on the ground.

Care:

- The one single thing that neem trees can not handle are soggy, waterlogged soils.
- The plant roots need to breathe, so don't try growing neem trees in swamps.

Special Feature:

Growing neem trees is not hard. The neem tree is very hardy and fast growing. It is a Medicinal Plant.

Use

Medicinal use:

- The neem tree is a robust tree variety growing in a wide range of climates, from tropical to arid climates and can therefore be used for reforestation purposes.
- Neem has more than 100 unique bio-active compounds, which have potential applications in agriculture, animal care, public health, and for even regulating human fertility.
- The seeds are used in different forms for their very powerful insecticide effect on a wide range of pests.
- It can also be used against mosquito proliferation, as insect repellent and to protect crops against locusts infestations.
- Different preparations are used for various medicinal purposes among which contraceptive effect is being researched about.

Reference:

<http://www.neemfoundation.org/faq/>