

## Cassia alata - Plant



The Cassias, with their lovely cool shades of pinks, green line the boulevards of many tropical cities; and when you see one in full flower for the first time, you have to ask, How hardy is a cassia tree and can I take one home?

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Description

### Description for Cassia alata

The Cassia has few distinguishing features can be observed with little trouble. It is slightly smaller, but has the same spreading crown, long drooping branches and numerous, feathery leaves, but the branches are rough. The flowers are similar but the sepals are smooth, green inside and deep-red underneath.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Apple Blossom	yellow	Spring / Summer	20 to 30 feet	Easy.

### Planting and care

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Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Acidic, Neutral, Well-drained soil	Average Water Needs, Water regularly, do not overwater.	Hardiness 35-40 degrees F.	a generic N-P-K (nitrogen - phosphorus - potassium)

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- They are tolerant of most soil types with a neutral pH, and while they like water, they do best in well drained soils.
- Dig your whole twice the size of the root ball and add peat moss and compost to the fill dirt, adding a handful of slow release fertilizer.
- Planting a cassia tree this way will give it the healthiest start.

- Leave a trough around your tree to collect water and see that it is watered regularly until the roots are well established.
- Young trees need to be staked and will look a little scrawny for the first five years or so and then it will begin to fill out.
- These trees have a tendency to weep so if you want a fuller look, pruning will be a part of your early cassia tree care.

## Typical uses of Cassia alata

### Special features:

**Medicinal use:** It is used medicinally for treating constipation, colic, chlorosis and urinary disorders. Its leaves are effective against herpes simplex and the bark of Cassia is one of the ingredients in ayurvedic and other traditional medicine antidiabetic formulations.

## References

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