

Cordia, Scarlet cordia - Plant



Scarlet cordia is a small shapely tree which grows up to be 25 feet tall and as wide.

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Description

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The large, seven-inch-long, stiff, dark green leaves are rough and hairy, feeling much like sandpaper.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Geiger tree, Orange Geiger	Orange.	Spring and summer.	15-20 feet.	Easy.

Planting and care

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun.	It grows well in places where soil is a problem.	The roots are very susceptible to rot; therefore watering should be done only when needed.	30 to 40 degrees F.	Do not fertilize until 6 months after planting.

Caring for Cordia

The plant needs pruning to develop a strong structure. However you need to wait for a year, after planting, before pruning. No special care is require for the plant.

Typical uses of Cordia

Special features:

Ornamental use: Because of its beautiful flowers, the plant is generally grown as a specimen tree.

Medicinal use: Syrup of the bark, flowers, or fruit is taken for coughs and bronchial ailments. Teas made from the flowers are used to treat venereal disease. The tree s sap is applied to wounds. Leaves washed in warm water or dressed with oil are used as poultices for headaches and sprains. Unripe fruit are emetic.

References

<http://www.greenpatio.com/plantdatabase/cordia.shtml>