

## Kigelia - Plant



Kigelia is based on an African name. The genus Kigelia has one species and occurs only in Africa.

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Description

## Description for Kigelia

The short, squat trunk has light brown, sometimes flaky bark and supports a dense rounded to spreading crown of leathery, slightly glossy foliage (deciduous). The huge, grey-brown fruits, 800 x 120 mm. hang from long stalks, from December to June and weigh anything up to 9 kg.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Sausage Tree	blood-red	August to November.	Over 40 ft.	Easy.

## Planting and care

Protect young plants from frost. Plant in full sun, add lots of compost and mulch well.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Soil pH 6.6 to 7.5 (neutral)	Water moderately.	4Å°C to 40Å°C.	A time released fertilizer 8-3-9 or similar.

## Caring for Kigelia

## Typical uses of Kigelia

**Special features:**

**Ornamental use:** A popular shade and street tree.

**Medicinal use:** To treat a wide range of skin problems, from fungal infections, boils, psoriasis, and eczema, to the more serious diseases, such as leprosy, syphilis and skin cancer. It also has internal applications, including the treatment of dysentery, ringworm, tapeworm, malaria, diabetes, pneumonia and toothache. The leaves in a compound applied for a backache.

## References

<http://www.plantzafrica.com/plantklm/kigeliaafri.htm> <http://toptropicals.com/html/toptropicals/articles/trees/kigelia.htm>