

## Pachira O Shape - Plant



pachira is a tropical plant native to the wetlands and swamps of Central and South America.

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Description The plant is also known as Malabar chestnut or Saba nut. Money tree plants often have their slender trunks braided together and are a low maintenance option for artificially lit areas. Money tree plant care is easy and based upon just a few specific conditions.

**Common name:** Money tree

**Color:** na

**Height:** Upto 60 ft in their native habitat.

**Difficulty level:** easy to medium

**Planting & Care**

Plants are often grown as bonsai specimens and house plants, being very tolerant of drought and shade.

**Sunlight:** Full sun to partial shade.

**Soil:** Plant the tree in peat moss with some gritty sand.

**Water:** These plants like a moderately humid room and deep but infrequent watering. Water the plants until the water runs from the drainage holes and then let them dry out between watering.

**Temperature:** The best temperatures are 60 to 65 F. (16-18 C.).

**Fertilizer:** Remember to fertilize every two weeks as part of good money tree plant care. Use a liquid plant food diluted by half. Suspend fertilizing in winter.

**Care:**

- If your home is on the dry side, you can increase the humidity by placing the pot on a saucer filled with pebbles.
- Keep the saucer filled with water and the evaporation will enhance the humidity of the area.
- The plant should be repotted every two years in a clean peat mixture.
- Try not to move the plant around a lot.
- Money tree plants dislike being moved and respond by dropping their leaves.
- Also keep them away from drafty areas.
- Move your Pachira money tree outside in summer to an area with dappled light, but don't forget to move it back in before fall.

- The Pachira plant rarely needs to be pruned but as part of your annual money tree plant care, take off any damaged or dead plant material.

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- The skin of the immature green fruit is used in the treatment of hepatitis.
- The bark is used medicinally to treat stomach complaints and headaches.
- A cold water infusion of the crushed leaves is used to treat a burning sensation in the skin.

**Culinary use:**

- Seed - raw or cooked.
- The raw seed tastes like peanuts, when roasted or fried in oil it has the flavour of chestnuts.
- The roasted seeds taste like cocoa.
- The seed can be ground into a flour and used to make a bread.
- The roasted seed is sometimes used to make a beverage.
- The seeds yield 58% of a white, inodorous fat which, when refined, is suitable for cooking Young leaves and flowers - cooked and used as a vegetable

**Ornamental use:**

- The tree is also planted as a street tree, to provide shade and as an ornamental in gardens

**Reference:**

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/care-pachira-plant-48078.html>

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