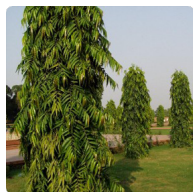


## Polyathia Longifolia, Ashok Tree - Plant



Saraca Indica commonly known as Ashoka tree or Sorrow-less Tree is one of the most exotic flowering trees of the Indian subcontinent.

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**Price**

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**Description** It grows natively in warm humid climates of Pakistan, India, Myanmar and Malaysia and belongs to the Fabaceae family. Ashoka is ever-green, slender but slow-growing flowering tree. It is easy-to-grow, easy-to-prune tree that flowers abundantly and produces a compact shaped canopy – an ideal candidate as a house-plant or a lawn tree.

**Common name:** Ashoka Tree

**Color:** Young flowers are yellow that later acquire hues of orange and then ultimately become crimson with the passage of time.

**Bloom time:** February to May.

**Height:** 30 feet.

**Difficulty level:** Easy.

**Planting & Care**

Here is one tree you can plant very close to the house - 3 feet out - provided it won't eventually grow into easements and gutters. When planting in rows to form a hedge, allow 4 or 5 feet between each tree. As a specimen you can plant 3 or 4 feet away from the nearest shrub.

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

**Soil:** well-drained and organic soil.

**Water:** Average.

**Temperature:** Warm.

**Fertilizer:** Fertilize 3 times a year - in spring, summer, and autumn - with a top quality granular fertilizer.

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- Ashoka tree has many medicinal uses.
- The bark is used in traditional medicines to cure a number of gynaecological problems.
- The pulp of flowers is used as a remedy for dysentery.

**Ornamental use:**

- Landscape uses for Ashoka tree lining a stately driveway beside a tall house privacy screen  
tall hedge  
architectural accent  
noise pollution screen

**Reference:**

<http://www.thelovelyplants.com/saraca-indica-the-ashoka-tree/> <http://www.south-florida-plant-guide.com/ashoka-tree.html>