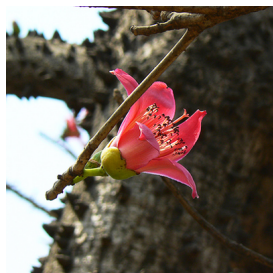


## Salmalia Malabarica, Cotton Tree - 0.5 Kg Seeds



Bombax ceiba, like other trees of the genus Bombax, is commonly known as cotton tree. More specifically, it is sometimes known as Red Silk-Cotton; Red Cotton Tree; or ambiguously as silk-cotton or kapok, both of which may also refer to Ceiba pentandra.

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**Price**

Sales price R 2,047

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Description Silk cotton tree is a type of native cotton tree with large red flowers. The genus name Salmalia is derived from the sanskrit name shaalmali. Silk cotton trees comprise eight species in the genus Bombax, native to India, tropical southern Asia, northern Australia and tropical Africa.

**Common name:** Silk Cotton Tree, Kapok Tree

**Color:** white

**Bloom time:** march

**Height:** 16 to 19 feet

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

**Planting & Care**

Step 1 Plant the silk floss tree in well-drained soil. The tree should be exposed to full sunlight.

Step 2 Water the silk floss tree regularly, but don't water excessively. The silk floss tree is drought-tolerant, and won't mind if the soil is kept on the dry side during the winter.

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 17°C

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- Remove weeds around the base of the tree, and avoid planting grass within the drip line (an imaginary line where water would drip from the outermost branches).

- Grass and weeds will compete with the tree for moisture and nutrients in the soil.
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**Care:**

- Apply 3 to 4 inches of organic mulch around the base of the silk floss tree, but leave 6 to 8 inches uncovered around the trunk so the mulch doesn't mound against the trunk.
- Organic mulches such as bark chips or dry leaves will retain moisture and deter weeds.
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- Cover young trees with a tree blanket if frost is expected.
- Established silk floss trees can survive temperatures down to 20 degrees Fahrenheit, but only for short periods.
- Young trees are more susceptible to cold and should be protected.

**Special Feature:**

Beds, border fronts, pots, containers

Use

**Note:**

No serious insect or disease problems.

**Reference:**

<http://www.gardenguides.com/105305-care-silk-floss-tree.html>

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