

## Samanea Saman, Albizia saman, Rain Tree - 0.5 Kg Seeds



Albizia saman (sometimes treated under the obsolete name Samanea saman), Common names include saman, rain tree and monkeypod

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Sales price R 850

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Description Albizia can be deciduous trees, shrubs or climbers, with attractive bipinnate leaves with tiny leaflets, and flower heads composed of many small flowers with prominent stamens. This species is globally distributed in Indo-Malesia. Within India, it is distributed in the sub-Himalayan tracts and slopes, and valleys up to 1500 m, West Bengal, Assam, Peninsular India, but it is not so common in northern, western and central India.

**Common name:** pink silk tree

**Height:** Upto 30 to 40 feet

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Planting & Care**

Albizia odoratissima is a medium sized tree to 22(-40) m tall, diameter 120-150 cm, and a short trunk. Bark dark grey to light brown with horizontal lenticels. Crown spreading, relatively dense with drooping foliage. Branching habit uniform, but irregularities occur when the tree is damaged.

**Sunlight:** Full sun

**Soil:** It will tolerate a wide range of soil types, but does best on moist, well-drained, loamy soils.

**Water:** It tolerates hot humid conditions, but does not tolerate water-logging.

**Temperature:** Tolerates a wide range of temperature but grows best in areas where the mean annual temperature is in the range 22 - 33°C

**Special Feature:**

The tree produces an insoluble gum which is mixed with other gums and used as an extender.

A brown dye is obtained from the wood.

The heartwood of mature trees is a beautiful dark brown colour. The wood is hard, close-grained, 20 - 40% stronger than teak.

A premium quality wood, it is suitable for panelling and furniture.

It is also used for carts, wheels, farm implements and construction timbers.

A valuable fuel wood, dead and defective branches from shade trees are a major source of fuel.

Use

**Culinary use:**

- The bark is used in the manufacture of a fermented sugar cane wine, known as basi , and consumed in the Philippines.

**Reference:**

<http://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Albizia+odoratissima>

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