

## Thespesia Populnea, Portia Tree - 0.5 Kg Seeds



Common names vary according to the country. Sanskrit - ?????????????? (p?r?vapippala), plaksa Marathi - ?????? ?????? (p?r?s? pimpa?a), ??? (???a), ??????? (pimpara??), ??? ?????? (p?rasa bh????) Tamil - poovarasu or puvarasu: ?????? Sinhala - gan sooriya ?? ?????? Malay - bebaru or baru baru Polynesian - milo or miro Rapanui - mako?i Telugu - gangaraavi Malayalam - poovarasu: ???????, ?????????? Kannada - buguri mara Bengali - pakur English - Indian tulip tree, pacific rosewood, seaside mahoe (in Florida), surina (the "elegant tree"),

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### Price

Sales price R 1,335

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Description Originally from the Old World, the Portia Tree was brought to Hawaii by early Polynesian settlers. The Tahitians considered it sacred and grew it near places of worship. Its name Thespesia means "divinely decreed" and was given by Daniel Solander who saw it in Tahiti as a member of Captain Cook's ship. It is mostly found along the coast. Its leaves turn yellow seasonally.

**Common name:** Milo, Portia tree, Indian tulip tree, Pacific rosewood, Portiatree

**Color:** Yellow, Orange

**Bloom time:** Year Round, blooms more in October to July

**Height:** It generally reaches a height of 30 feet with a spread of 12 feet.

**Difficulty level:** Easy

Planting & Care

Outdoor Plant

**Sunlight:** Full Sun to Partial Shade

**Soil:** Clay, Sand, Cinder, Organic, Coral

**Water:** Dry

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer.

**Care:**

- The seeds should be scarified (the seed coat penetrated).
- This can be done using sandpaper, nail clippers, or by cracking with a hammer.
- Care must be taken to avoid damaging the inner part of the seed.
- The seeds do not require soaking.

- The seeds should be planted in sterile potting mix at a depth of about twice the diameter of the seed.
- Germination takes 14 to 28 days.

**Care:**

- Foliar feed young milo trees once a month in early morning with a water soluble or an organic fertilizer.

**Special Feature:**

Like other mangrove associates, these plants provide shelter and food to many creatures of the mangroves.  
Use

**Medicinal use:**

- In India, the ground up bark is used to treat skin diseases and in Mauritius dysentery and haemorrhoids.

**Culinary use:**

- The fruits, flowers and young leaves are edible.

**Ornamental use:**

- Landscape Use (Accent, Container, Hedges, Provides Shade, Screening, Specimen Plant)

**Note:**

For medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

**Reference:**

[http://nativeplants.hawaii.edu/plant/view/Thespesia\\_populnea](http://nativeplants.hawaii.edu/plant/view/Thespesia_populnea)