

# Ceratonia siliqua



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**Botanical Name:** Ceratonia siliqua  
**Common Names:** Carob Tree, Chocolate Tree, Locust Bean Tree,  
**Native:** No  
**Foliage Type:** Evergreen  
**Plant Type:** Citrus & Fruit, Hedging / Screening, Trees  
**Plant Habit:** Broad Domed

### Description:

Medium evergreen tree with large deep-green leaves and catkin-like flowers during Autumn, followed by brown pods, these pods take a year to mature and are ground down and used as a substitute to chocolate. Great for a feature or shade tree. Grows approx. 15m tall by 8m wide.

**Mature Height:** 10-25m    **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade

**Mature Width:** 4-10m    **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Edible Garden, Feature, Fragrant Garden, Hedging / Screening, Mass Planting, Park And Gardens, Roundabouts / Splitters, Container / Pot, Shade Tree

### Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

### Cultural Notes:

Prefers a full sun to part-shade position in a well-drained soil. Drought tolerant once established but does best with an occasional Summer watering. Pruning is not required. Feed with a balanced fertiliser annually during Spring or Summer.

### Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Mulch well

**Family Name:** Fabaceae

**Origin:** Europe

### Characteristics:

**Foliage Colours:** Green

**Flower Colours:** White

**Flower Fragrant:** Yes

**Flowering Season:** Autumn

**Fruit:** Yes

### Requirements:

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Medium / Moderate

### Tolerances:

**Drought:** Medium / Moderate

**Frost:** Moderate

**Wind:** Moderate

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