

Clip “n” Save Albizia julibrissin

Desperately seeking shade? Now is the time to look around your property and find ways to cool it off. When it comes to planting trees, you really need to do some planning. It's better for the tree to be transplanted in the fall, so now is the time to check the nursery for the look you want in the spot you want to fill. Do you want deep shade or filtered shade? Do you want a large tree or a smaller one on your patio? Planting trees on the south side of your house can significantly reduce your cooling bills when they grow tall enough to shade your home.

Plant

This Silk or Mimosa tree loves the heat in this area. It has a beautiful canopy shape and ferny, yellowish green leaves. The leaves are fun to watch fold up at night. *Albizia julibrissin rosea* is hardier and has brighter pink flowers.

Size: up to 40' tall

Exposure: Full sun or partial shade

Pruning: When it's young, keep the sprouts rubbed off the trunk so the branches grow full.

Water needs: regular watering.

Soil: Regular garden soil is fine or if planting in a pot use a good moisture control potting soil.

Snapshot: Lacy, fern-like tree which grows quickly with lots of water. It has pink fluffy flowers that attract butterflies and birds.

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