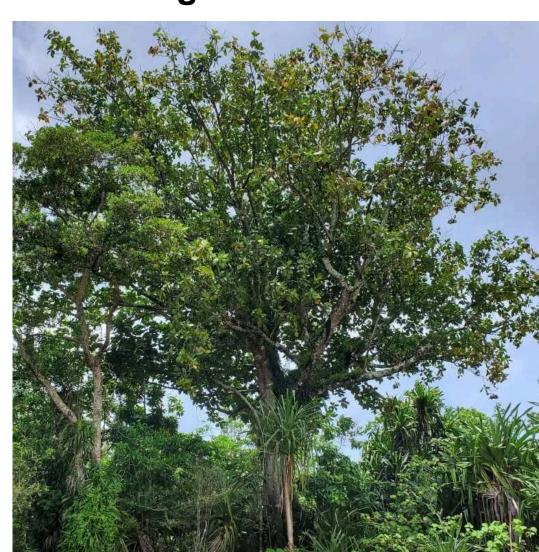
DUKDUK/DOKDUK

Botanical Name: Artocarpus mariannensis

Native range: Mariana Islands

Common Name: Marianas breadfruit







Description: Dukduk is a large breadfruit tree (up to 65 ft.). Although breadfruit is an introduced tree, it arrived 4,000 years ago. Over such a great period of time, it is believed that this particular breadfruit species has evolved into an endemic tree of the Marianas.

Uses and cultural significance: Dukduk is a great shade tree that grows moderately fast (1-3 ft. per year) and is both salt and wind tolerant. This tree has many practical and cultural uses. Dukduk stabilizes and improves soil, is a food source for bats and birds, can be used for making insect repellent, gum or resin (adhesive), and fuelwood. It was once an important wood for timber, carving, and canoe building. Dukduk also has medicinal properties, can be used for fiber and weaving, and is known for its edible seeds (hutu).

How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun

Partial shade.

Water

Water regularly, letting the soil dry out between waterings.

Soil

Well drained soils (sandy, sandy loam or loam), volcanic, and calcareous soils.

Prefers a pH of 6.1-7.4.

Fertilizer

Small amount of slow release fertilizer such as 8-8-8 added at the time of planting.

Pests+Diseases

Termites.

Phytophthora, anthracnose, and rhizopus

Propagation

Dukduk is propagated by seed and seedlings. Collect seeds from mature healthy fruits, and gather seedlings from those sprouted beneath fruiting trees.

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