

# LANGASAT

**Botanical Name:** *Barringtonia racemosa*  
**Native range:** Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Islands

**Common Name:** Fish poison tree



**Description:** Langasat is a small-to-medium sized tree (up to 30 ft.). Its radiant flowers and fruits make it a decorative tree, often grown for ornament in the tropics and subtropics.

**Uses and cultural significance:** Langasat’s common name comes from the fact that its bark and fruits can be crushed and used as fish poison because they contain toxic saponins. Otherwise, the tree is known for its ornamental flowers and fruit. It grows easily and rapidly. This tree’s delicate flowers attract Guam’s local bees.

## How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun or semi-shade.	Water regularly. Do not let soil dry out between waterings but also do not overwater.	Grows in river and clay soils. Prefers well-drained, consistently moist soils with a pH of 7 or higher.	Does not necessarily need fertilizer.	Red wax scale.  Leaf spots and blight.

### Propagation

Langasat is most commonly propagate by seed, but can also be propagate by cuttings.

**Resources:**

- “Barringtonia racemosa (L.) Spreng.” Flora and Fauna Web, National Parks, 05 July 2023, <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/florafauweb/flora/2/7/2747>.
- Wikicommons (photo sources)

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