

# LANGITI

**Botanical Name:** *Ochrosia mariannensis*  
**Native range:** Asia and Pacific Islands

**Common Name:** Lipstick tree



**Description:** Langiti is a small-to-medium tree (up to 25 ft.) that is endemic to the Marianas. It is drought-tolerant and grows at the edge of forests. It is known as the “lipstick tree” because of its bright red seeds.

**Uses and cultural significance:** Langiti is common along the cliffs above Ritidian in Guam. Langiti is drought-tolerant and used as windbreaks and for soil erosion control. Species of the same genus are known to supply wood for timber and the leaves, roots and bark provide medicines and dyes.

## How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water regularly, letting soil dry out between waterings.	Limestone cliffs and forest edges. Prefers well-drained soils with a pH of 6-7.	Apply a slow release fertilizer to help this tree grow.	A lack of nutrients will cause a widespread yellowing of the leaves.

Propagation	Langiti is propagated by seeds or cuttings.
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- Resources:**
- Raulerson, L. and Rinehart, A. 2021. *Trees and shrubs of the Northern Marianas Islands*. University of Guam Press, Guam. 13p.
  - Wikicommons (photo sources)

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