Mimosa, Ombrella

Albizia julibrissin 'Boubri'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Silktree

Description:

Attractive airy foliage and open umbrella-like form make this a highly desired tree, casts light shade, leaves tend to close for the night; interesting and graceful pink fuzzy flowers are fragrant and will scent the air

Ornamental Features

Mimosa, Ombrella features showy fragrant pink pincushion flowers along the branches in mid summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The ferny bipinnately compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy brown pods displayed in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Mimosa, Ombrella is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Mimosa, Ombrella is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Mimosa, Ombrella flowers
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Mimosa, Ombrella in bloom
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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Mimosa, Ombrella will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Mimosa, Ombrella flowers
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Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (4): Beautiful flowers and long narrow bean-pods shaped fruit in fall. Blooms, leaves and pods can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.