

What is a Jacaranda?



Description

The jacaranda is a large deciduous tree with fine-textured, fern-like pinnate leaves. Young trees are upright but assume an irregular branching pattern that produces beautifully asymmetric open crowns as the trees age. From April to June (depending on species and location) the tree covers itself with showy trumpet shaped flowers that are about 1.5 inches wide and are arranged in panicles (pyramid shaped clusters) that grow at the tips of branches.

Location

There are about 50 species of Jacaranda, most of them native to South America and the Caribbean basin. *J. mimosifolia* (nurseries often label this tree *J. acutifolia* which is a synonym) is the species most often seen in Florida and is native to the Amazon River Basin countries of Brazil, Argentina and Peru. The spectacular Jacaranda is enjoyed as an ornamental in many near-frostless areas all over the world.