

Cottonwood

Hibiscus tiliaceus

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A tree often associated with mangrove vegetation, native to coastal areas and popular for revegetation works and bank stabilisation.

A small, fast-growing evergreen tree, generally 4-7m tall, with a broad crown of widely spreading or crooked branches, or a shrub with many prostrate branches forming dense thickets. The bright-yellow hibiscus flowers cover the tree. The large, heart-shaped leaves have a covering of stellate or star-shaped hairs giving them a greyish appearance.



Category: Tree (5-10m)

Height: 7 metres

Spread: 10 metre



Full sun to part shade



Prefers adequate moisture



Adaptable to a wide range of soils



Traditional use plant

HOT TIP

Initially yellow, over the course of the day, the flowers deepen to orange and finally red before they fall off.