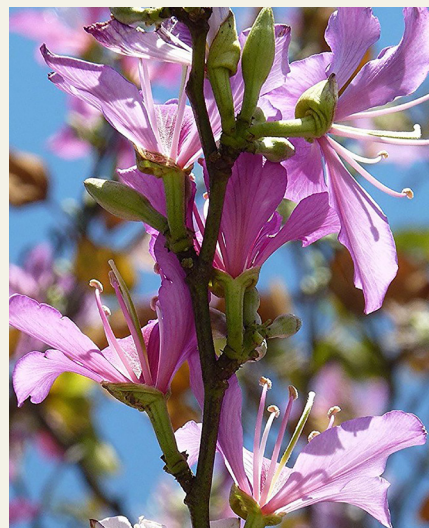


Bauhinia variegata

(Syn. B. purpurea)

PURPLE ORCHID TREE

Blooms with purple tropical essence. These non-native small ornamental trees offer a lush tropical feel with round but cleft leathery green leaves. Blooms in spring that look like large orchids. They only require moderate thinning and shaping while trees are maturing. Annual light pruning in early spring. Trees are susceptible to freezes, so wait until cold weather has passed. Moderate water to start, and becoming more drought tolerant as they mature. Trees rarely produce pods, which is an added advantage.



DESCRIPTION

 15 FT. TO 20 FT.

 FULL SUN

 USDA ZONE 9-11

 CHINA

 PURPLE TO LAVENDER

 MODERATE TO HIGH

 TO 25°F