



Calodendrum capense

CAPE CHESTNUT TREE

Small to medium evergreen tree with beautiful flowers borne from November to December. The smooth grey bark can also be a feature. Despite its common name, Cape chestnut is not closely related to either chestnuts (*Castanea*) or horse chestnuts (*Aesculus*), but is a member of the citrus family. It is not a typical citrus in appearance either, as it is a large tree with spectacular flowers and the fruit does not look like lemons, oranges or limes. But it does look spectacular when flowers cover the crown. While the image here shows a pink flowering Cape Chestnut tree, flowers will either be pink or white.










 Evergreen

 Round

10 x 8m

This is an attractive tree for parks, avenues and large gardens.

Prefers a sunny, open position in rich, moist, well-drained soil. Tolerates frost and some coastal exposure when established. Protect from frost when young. Apply mulch in spring to keep roots cool and moist. Keep moist in dry weather, but drier at other times. Tolerates pruning if necessary.

Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Medium  Evergreen  Round  Avenue  Feature Bark  Feature Flower  Informal Screening  Shade Tree  Specimen
Pot sizes in production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40cm/27L (1.2-1.5m) • 50cm/52L (1.8-2.2m) • 150L (2.0-3.0m)
Substitutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbutus unedo • Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Bella Pink' • Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Jerilderie Red' • Fraxinus griffithii • Jacaranda mimosifolia • Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Tuscarora' • Magnolia grandiflora 'Exmouth'

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