

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Bauhinia forficata*.

Bauhinia galpinii N.E. Brown
(*Bauhinia punctata*)

Red Bauhinia

- *Bauhinia galpinii* is also known as Camel's-Foot, Nasturtium Bauhinia, Pride-Of-The-Cape, or Pride-Of-The-Kaap; this semi-evergreen to deciduous sprawling multi-stem shrub or small tree has a dense canopy 8N to 10N (20N) tall; this species growth habit tends is rather between a shrub and a vine, exhibiting a rather sprawling spreading habit with long arching branches; the nearly orbicular leaves range from a good medium green to yellowish, tending to become chlorotic at times.
- The main attractions of this species are the numerous showy brick red to scarlet flowers; these 3O diameter flowers are flatter and more pinwheel-shaped than most *Bauhinia spp.*
- This attractive shrub has limited cold tolerance, being suitable for landscape use in USDA zones 10(9) through 11; it tends to develop foliar chlorosis on poor fertility or high pH soils; sun to partial shade are acceptable.

Bauhinia purpurea L.

Purple Bauhinia

- *Bauhinia purpurea* is also known as Fall Orchid Tree, Purple Orchid Tree, or Pata De Vaca; Purple Bauhinia is a deciduous to semi-evergreen multi-trunk small tree with a rounded canopy and coarse textured foliage; although this is a Southeast Asian native, it is extensively naturalized in subtropical and tropical climates and has become invasive in some regions.
- The main attractions are the large, 4O to 5O diameter, pale pink to red-violet splayed three-stamen bearing flowers; trees in full flower can be spectacular; most bloom occurs in late summer and fall; seed production is heavy and the pods are violently dehiscent, throwing the seeds considerable distances when ripe.
- This species is limited in use primarily by cold temperatures; it is only reliable outdoors in the very warmest portions of our region, USDA zones 10(9) to 11; unfortunately, the canopies of this species tends to be brittle and break up in storms.
- *Bauhinia* × *blakeana* S.T. Dunn, the Hong Kong Orchid Tree, is a similar species, but is sterile, evergreen, taller (potentially to 50N), blooms in fall to spring, and is slightly more cold tolerant [USDA zones 9b(9a) through 11] than *B. purpurea*; this species is a hybrid of *Bauhinia purpurea* L. × *Bauhinia variegata* L.

Bauhinia yunnanensis A.R. Franchet

Yunnan Bauhinia

- This species is also known as Vining Bauhinia; this Southeast Asian subtropical evergreen vine may grow to 40N long in the tropics, but is a herbaceous perennial in the colder parts of its range; it is useful in USDA zones 9(8b) to 11 and climbs by tendrils.
- The 1½O leaves are smaller and finer textured than most *Bauhinia*, likewise the flowers are smaller than those of most Orchid Trees; the light purple to magenta veined white flowers have narrow splayed petals with long exerted stamens; the flowers are pretty, but never overwhelming.
- Plants are modestly drought tolerant once established, but they perform best with steady moisture and good drainage; they will grow in full sun to partial shade; plants tend to become very open at the base with the majority of the foliage concentrated in the upper canopy.