

# Calodendrum capense



## CAPE CHESTNUT

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.

**Foliage** Evergreen

**Form** Round

**Mature Size** 10 x 8m

**Family** Rutaceae

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.



**Medium**



**Evergreen**



**Round**



**Avenue**



**Feature  
Bark**



**Feature  
Flower**



**Informal  
Screening**



**Shade  
Tree**



**Specimen**

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