



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Lignum Vitae, Tree of Life

Scientific Name: Guaiacum officinale

Family: Zygophyllaceae

Genus:

Species:

Height: Tree 30'x30

Sun Exposure: Full/Partial Sun

Blossom: Has 5 spreading deep blue to purple petals that fade to white. The blossom has 10 blue filaments and 10 yellow anthers. This flower is a welcoming sight to bees and butterflies!

Bloom Time: Anytime of the year

Other Details:

In the world of wood, Lignum vitae is the stuff of legends. It is said to be the heaviest and hardest wood in the world. It has a pretty green, feathered pattern in its wood which makes it exotic. This evergreen is also resistant to rot and very wind tolerant!

Soil Requirements: "Wide Range" means this plant will grow almost anywhere. But will flourish in well-drained deep soils and tropical forests.

Water Requirements: Highly drought tolerant

Propagation Methods: Seed

The seeds change color from green to orange at maturity, and are heart shaped, this orange casing splits open to reveal red seeds.

Known Uses:

Unfortunately this tree has been over harvested and in 2003 it was added to the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species Appendix II which restricts the wood from traveling or being traded across international borders. Your seeds are the true Guaiacum genus!

Seed packet goes here