



CAESALPINIA CACALACO CASCALOTE

In the low deserts, where winter visitors often garden in small spaces and want seasonal color, this patio tree has become a fast favorite. *Caesalpinia cacalaco* can either be left unpruned to grow as a large shrub, or trained into a small tree to 15-18 feet tall and wide. In the winter, Cascalote produces large spikes of clear yellow flowers at the branch tips, followed by attractive copper-colored seed-pods. Cascalote is native to tropical areas of Mexico, and suffers frost damage when temperatures drop below 20° F. In warm climates this plant is evergreen, with glossy green compound leaves. Younger branches are red-dish-brown, and are adorned with rose-like thorns. The thorns are not as prominent on older trunks and branches. Cascalote grows best in full sun and well-drained soil. USDA Zone 9.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	15-18 feet x 15-18 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Winter
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	Prune to shape



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