



## JACARANDA

*(Jacaranda mimosifolia)*

Originally from North West Argentina and Uruguay the Jacaranda now grows widely in the Caribbean islands, Florida and South Africa.

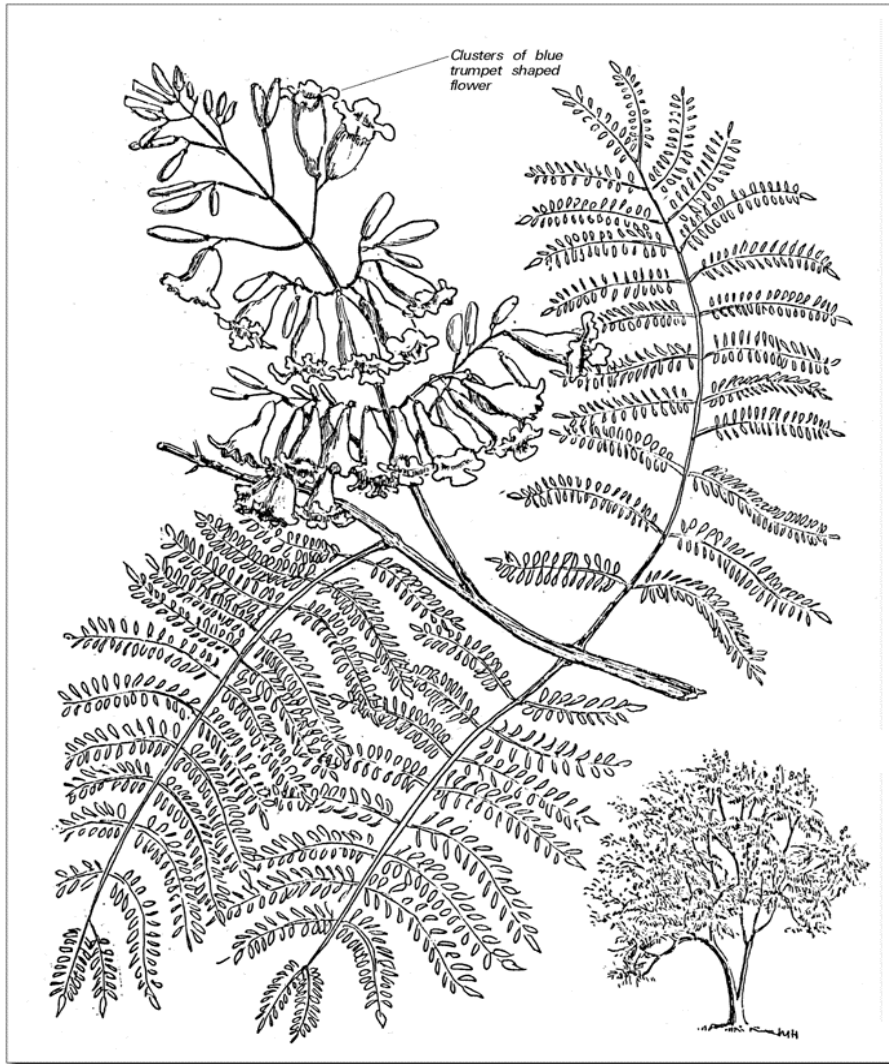
The tree reaches a height of 14 m and grows at an elevation of 100 m to 800 m. Sometimes the Jacaranda tree does not have as graceful a shape as the tree shown in the illustration but it's pretty blue flowers and its delicate leaves enhance its beauty. In Jamaica, the Jacaranda flowers from April through June. The flowers appear in clusters of little purple-blue bells on almost bare trees; the trees flower after most of their leaves fall. The Jacaranda is sometimes called the fern tree because of its compound leaves with tiny leaflets.

In Brazil, Jacaranda leaves are used to make a medicine for glandular diseases. Panamanians use the bark with other ingredients for treating skin diseases. The wood is useful in carpentry.



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Family: <b>Bignoniaceae</b>	Species: <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Author: D. Don
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Height: 14m	Habitat: 100-800m	Persistence: Deciduous
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