



Start Your Project

Seeds - For tax-deductible donations of at least \$5, Pigeon Pea Project thanks donors with a gift of approximately 20 pigeon pea seeds via U.S. Postal Service.

Seeds may also be available from sources such as Seed the Stars, Cody Cove Farm and Nursery, xxxx, xxxxx.

DO IT YOURSELF

Yards

Pigeon Pea Plants may grow up to 8-10 feet tall and bush out in a shrubby fashion if spaced 4-5 feet apart. In much of Florida, where they will grow as a perennial, this allows them to be used as a privacy hedge for years at a time, reseeding themselves if allowed to keep a continual row of pigeon pea trees.

If planted solo and groomed/trimmed with care, the plant may take the shape of a cute tree with a small trunk more distinguishable from the bushy shrub of those left untended.

If planted close together (12 inches), they may only grow to 3 feet tall, however, still supplying pods with peas inside.

So, plan how the plants will be used. They will thrive in full sun or partial shade; they will thrive in sandy, poor soil conditions and are drought tolerant. They will not react well to waterlogged areas or transplantation after roots have run deep.

The trees may provide shade to other nearby plants and also serve as “green manure” if groomed clippings are merely tossed into the mulch. They may be grown in a way as to be mostly ignored or they can be groomed, tended, shaped and made to be a focal point of a mulched tidy island.

After planting seeds, water daily until the small seedling emerges in a couple of weeks. Reduce watering to every other day when the plant is about 5 inches tall. Once the plant is 2 feet tall, adding compost and/or mulch around the base can add nutrients and protection.

Harvesting

Pigeon Peas may be harvested green or dry. After a blooming phase of yellow blooms, the plant will form pods with 3-5 peas in each pod. When pods are full and firm, the peas are “done,” and can be picked and eaten raw or cooked.

A preferred method, however, is to leave peas on the bush until they dry out, making the process of separating pea from pod much easier.



Let Us Do It

If you would like Pigeon Pea Project to assist in your project the following rates apply:

* Referral Services/\$0 - Connecting you with subject matter experts. ([Links?](#))

* Planting - We plant your trees for you, cost determined by size of tree, distance of travel with a \$100 minimum donation. We provide soil, mulch and plants and labor, when available. Please inquire.

Need to check legalities as it pertains to nursery license, etc.