

Kigelia africana



Common Name: Sausage Tree

Scientific Name: *Kigelia africana*

Family: Bignoniaceae

The evergreen tree grows up to 20 meters in height and has typically spreading branches. It is native to tropical Africa. It is typically identified by its bell shaped, orange to maroon, waxy flowers that hang down from branches in long flexible stems, typically 2-6 meters long. They have a notable scent at night and are pollinated by bats, which visit them for pollen and nectar.

Medicinal Uses: Though the fresh fruit is poisonous, the dried and roasted fruit is often used in number of skin care products.

Economically Important Part: Fruits

Economic Importance: The tree is widely grown as an ornamental tree in tropical regions for its decorative flowers and fruits.

The fruits are often cleared and cleaned from inside to make containers of various sizes.