

Poinsettia / Pickneya Tree



The inner bark of the Fevertree is extremely bitter but is proven to treat fevers, the source of several of its common names.

Pinckneya bracteata 'Precocious' (formerly *P. pubens*)

- **Use:** Also known as Feverbark, Fever Tree, Georgia Bark, and Pinckneya. The sepals (petal supports) will become petal in nature and do resemble poinsettias, making a beautiful display.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Native to acidic swampy soils, ours has fared well in typical woodland conditions with a pH of 6.5 and average moisture. It performs best if it receives several hours of direct sun.
- **Growth:** Slow growing; reaches 9-20 ft. tall, 9-20 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7b- 9b, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, It has large, coarse rich-green leaves that are concentrated at the ends of its branches.
- **Flower:** In late spring, the branch tips are adorned with floral clusters which feature the oversized, highly attractive, creamy pink bracts. Pinckneya is also host to a number of butterflies, moths, bees, and hummingbirds...as if you needed another reason to grow it.