

<b>SPECIES</b>	Calotropis gigantea
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Crown flower tree, Faftan Calatropé
<b>ORIGIN</b>	North Africa
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	Flower gardens



#### HEIGHT

3-4m

#### SPREAD

2-3m

#### HABIT

Large branching shrub.



#### FORM

Upright branches with leaves growing in pairs opposite each other.

#### FLOWERS

Star-shaped purple flower with calyx cupped upwards, tips purple, and corona is smaller.

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring

#### VARIATIONS

Calotropis procera, flowers are waxy white, petals 5, purple-tipped inside and with a central purplish crown, carried in stalked clusters at the ends of the branches



#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Drought tolerant, preferring full sun.

#### HORTICULTURE

Prefers a well-drained soil.

#### REFERENCES

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calotropis\\_gigantea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calotropis_gigantea)

