

Read through the passage below and answer the questions about the *Calophyllum Inophyllum* or the Beauty Leaf Tree.

*Calophyllum Inophyllum* or the Beauty Leaf Tree is a large evergreen plant. An evergreen is a plant that has leaves throughout the year that are always green. It is these large glossy green leaves that give it the name Beauty Leaf Tree. This tree grows anywhere from 8 to 20 metres in height and produces sweet smelling flowers twice a year in late spring and in late autumn.

The Beauty Leaf Tree is native to tropical Asia but because its wood was used in ship building it is grown in many countries including Australia. The tree also produces tamanu oil. Tamanu oil is made by pressing the nuts or seeds to produce a thick, dark green oil. This oil is used for herbal medicine or as a fuel source such as for burning at night as a torch.

Why is the *Calophyllum Inophyllum* known as the Beauty Leaf Tree?

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Where does the Beauty Leaf Tree grow?

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What was the tree used for?

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What was the tree's tamanu oil used for?

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