

Fried Egg Tree



X Gordlinia grandiflora 'Sweet Tea'

- **Use:** As if *xGordlinia grandiflora* (a rare intergeneric hybrid between *Franklinia* and *Gordonia* - Ranney and Fantz, 2006) wasn't unusual enough, 'Sweet Tea' is a polyploidy form with extra sets of chromosomes. The result - huge (5 inch diameter), showy flowers that look like big fried eggs. Semi-evergreen foliage with large, single, camellia-like flowers from July through September. Why 'Sweet Tea'? Well, it's a member of the tea family, the flowers have a light sweet fragrance, and it comes from the South where sweet tea runs in our veins.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Best in full sun or a little afternoon shade as long as it's not too dry. Okay, it's not the toughest tree on the planet, so give it a good site with well-drained, even moisture.
- **Growth:** Mature height is estimated to be 20-30 feet
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10 shrub, small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous/ Semi-evergreen; Large glossy green leaves have a remarkable red fall color.
- **Flower:** Blooms for several months from mid-summer to fall. The flowers are 5" with white petals surrounding a yellow center of showy stamens.

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