



Today, Jan 19, 2024, The Gulf Coast Garden Club (GCGC) is planting an Orange Geiger, its first Florida Arbor Day tree, located near the Blue Star Marker we dedicated in the Bonita Springs Riverside Park in 2021.

The Gulf Coast Garden Club is also celebrating its 20th Anniversary as well as the 100th Anniversary of the Federated Garden Clubs of Florida. and the 95 Anniversary of the National Garden Clubs Organization.

We celebrate our promotion for the love of Gardening, floral design and our continuing promotion of our civic and environmental responsibility.

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Geiger Tree - Scientific name: *Cordia sebestena* Pronunciation: KOR-dee-uh seb-ess-TAY-nuh

Geiger tree Family: Boraginaceae USDA hardiness zones: 10B through 11

Light requirement: full sun to partial shade Soil tolerances: clay; sand; loam; alkaline; acidic; well-drained. Drought tolerance: high. Aerosol salt tolerance: high

Flower characteristics: color: orange red; very showy; funnel-shaped;

Florida native tree. Growing in full sun to partial shade

Flowering: most of the year, but abundant in summer

Fruit characteristic: shape: oval - egg-shaped; length: 1 to 2 inches; covering: dry or hard.

Fruit color: turns from green to white when ripe. Fruit characteristics: does not attract wildlife; showy; fruit/leaves a litter problem; fragrant; fleshy 1-4 seeded drupe