

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus:** Pachira  
**Species:** aquatica

**Common Name(s):** Money Tree,  
Malabar chestnut, French peanut,  
Saba nut

**Latin Family Name:** Malaceae  
**English Family Name:** ?

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Native to Central and South America

**Growth habit:** Tropical wetland tree it grows in swamps

**Flower description:** As a foliage houseplant -rarely flowers

**Blooming period/availability:** Water chestnut is an evergreen tree or large shrub.

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** The leaves are bright green and shiny and consist of up to nine leaflets (fingers)

### Usage:

#### STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

It is a durable plant and adapts well to different conditions

Thrives indoors and requires comparatively little care (Easy to grow and maintain)

The 'braided bark' variety are very popular and sought after

Taller trees look stunning as a 'specimen' plant in a corner of a room/office

Many sizes are available so one can place in almost any space

Plant used for Bonsai and home landscapes

#### WEAKNESS:

They can be susceptible to root rot

The money tree plant can be temperamental if moved around frequently, and usually responds

by dropping its leaves

Expensive



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. Once you've found the right spot for it, try to keep it there, and only rotate gently if sunlight distribution is uneven.

### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** Under good growth conditions, this species grows quite fast and last for several years

If it is too big, it can simply be cut back to a desired size

**Water requirements:** Avoid overwatering, water only once the top of the soil has become dry

**Light:** The plant requires bright light, but not direct sunlight

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:**

**Special care/remarks:** This species forms a slightly thickened root with smaller roots or roots, which also serves as a water reservoir



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