

## *Bahunia acuminata*

**Botanical name:** *Bahunia acuminata*

**Common Name:** Safed Kachnar

### **Morphology characteristics:**

It grows two to three meters tall. Like the other *Bauhinia* species, the leaves are bilobed, shaped like an ox hoof; they are 6 to 15 centimeters long and broad, with the apical cleft up to 5 cm deep; the petiole is 1.5 to 4 centimeters long. The flowers are fragrant, 8 to 12 centimeters in diameter, with five white petals, ten yellow-tipped stamens and a green stigma. The fruit is a pod 7.5 to 15 centimeters long and 1.5 to 1.8 centimeters broad. The species occurs in deciduous forests and scrub. It is widely cultivated throughout the tropics as an ornamental plant.



### **Growing season and Type:**

1. *Bauhinia acuminata* is a great little tree for small yards growing to about 6'.
2. It produces white flowers that look like snowflakes hanging off the branches. It is also called Snowy Orchid Tree. Like the other Orchid Trees the leaves are interestingly shaped like ox hooves.
3. Bauhinia do not look very good in winter. As the weather gets cooler it will lose a lot of its leaves, but resprout as the weather warms up. It will bloom as long as the weather is warm.



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- 1) Flower of *Bahunia acuminata*
- 2) Leaf of *Bahunia acuminata*
- 3) Plant of *Bahunia acuminat*