

CAYMAN ISLANDS WILD TREES & SHRUBS

Family: MALVACEAE

Plopnut or **Popnut** **Thespesia populnea*

Seaside Mahoe or Portia Tree - US

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This ***extremely salt-tolerant** shrub or small tree, found throughout the tropics, grows near the sea and borders of mangrove swamps. The flowers are pale yellow, with maroon centres. The whole flower turns maroon later in the day, before dying. Fast-growing Plopnut, with its curved trunk and branches, is used in Catboat construction

