

FRANKLINIA



It is fitting that blooms of the Franklin Tree (*Franklinia alatamaha*) should flourish in the shadow of Philadelphia's Independence Hall where Benjamin Franklin played a leading role in shaping our nation. The handsome tree was discovered by Botanist John Bartram in 1765 near a remote river in Georgia. Bartram brought seeds back to his Philadelphia farm and nursery and named the trees in honor of his famous friend. The tree is no longer found in the wild, but trees originating from Bartram's find are found today throughout the city and on Page 7. To learn more about Bartram's discovery of *Franklinia alatamaha*, go to: www.bartramsgarden.org/franklinia/



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