## **Orchid Tree**

(Bauhinia variegate, Bauhinia purpurea)



Native to Southeast Asia, this lovely, tropical tree can live in Gonzales County if provided with a protected location out of the north wind. It is very heat tolerant and grows to 15 feet. The stunning flowers, which look like a catalaya orchid can be white or purple and arrive in profusion in the spring. The attractive flowers draw butterflies and birds.



**Orchid Tree Blossom**