Better than crape myrtle? An anomaly of genetics, the Chitalpa is an intergeneric hybrid (something that is not supposed to happen, but occasionally does) between our own California native Desert willow and the catalpa. With large blossoms, it is a show stopper at bloom-time in late spring into summer, for humans and pollinators alike. A relatively small tree, it reaches 25-30’ high and wide, but is fast growing and gets there quickly. Ideal for hot, dry climates and, unlike either of its parents, the chitalpa is sterile and does not produce seed pods, but instead re-blooms throughout the summer. Drought-tolerant and deer resistant, it is an easy addition to the garden where a bit of shade is needed. Really, really nice!

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Pink Dawn Chitalpa

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