

Schinus terebinthifolia

(Brazilian Peppertree)

Brazilian pepper-tree is a small tree or large shrub with scented leaf, red berries. The plant has two mayor drawbacks, invasiveness and allergies. The evergreen plant is originated from South America. The leaves are compound dark green scented when crashed. The fruit is very attractive red and sometime used in a pepper mixes as a cheap substitute for the real pepper. It can grow well in sun or partial shade. In same Mediterranean region like California is it already registered as one of the worst invader plant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name: فلفل عريض الأوراق

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Paraguay, Argentina and Brazi

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Shade, Windbreak

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate
Leaf Venation: Pinnate
Leaf Persistence: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound
Leaf Blade: 10 - 20
Leaf Shape: Oval
Leaf Margins: Pectinate, Serrate
Leaf Textures: Waxy, Glossy
Leaf Scent: Pleasant
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 7 - 10
Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)
Flower Scent: No Fragrance
Flower Color: White
Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage
Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked
Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry
Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Red
Seasons: Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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