

Stewartia malacodendron

(Silky Camellia, Virginia Stewartia)

The Silky camellia is a reference to its flower texture, which is very silky and resembles those of the related camellias. A thriving silky camellia can make an extraordinary garden feature in a landscape.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: stew-ART-ee-uh mah-lah-koh-DEN-dron
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Southern United States
Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9
Uses: Specimen, Border Plant
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Upright
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m, 5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters, 3 to 5 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green, Orange, Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
