

pistacia palaestina

(Wild Pistachio,)

Terebinth is the main contributor to the red color of the Mediterranean Maqui. The sprouting leaves and young branches of this deciduous tree or shrub are red, as is the color of the inflorescences, the fruit, and the leaves during exfoliation – all are bright and shiny red. Pistacia palaestina is distinguished from P. terebinthus by its "egg-shaped" leaflets, which are drawn into a long point, with somewhat hairy margins, and by more spreading and branching flower clusters. In most places it grows as a shrub that reaches a height of one to two meters, but in intact nature, it reaches a height of 8 to 10 meters. When it is wounded, the tree secretes a resin with a characteristic scent, which is reminiscent of the scent of the mango (the mango also belongs to the Anacardiaceae family). It blooms in the months of March-April. The stamens and the stigmas are red, and give the inflorescence its red color. Upon ripening, the edible fruits turns red to purple-blue. Their seeds are dispersed by birds. The plant can grow in extreme conditions such as drought, salt, full sun and heat.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Térébinthe

Arabic Name: بطم فلسطيني

Pronunciation: piss-TAY-shee-uh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: East Mediterranean, Syria, Lebanon

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Container, Wildlife, Erosion control, Native to Lebanon

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow, Orange, Red

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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