

Litchi chinensis

(Lychee)

A small evergreen tree from southern China to western Malaysia), it is slow growing but long-lived. The foliage is dark green compound. It bears a small flowers in the spring pollinated by honey bees. By end of the summer delicious red fruits are covering the entire tree. The tree can grow any non- alkaline soil in frost free areas. Locate the tree somewhere in a spot that will not be disturbed for some time, as it will start bearing fruits about 30 years old.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Litchi

Arabic Name: ليتشي

Pronunciation: LEE-chee chih-NEN-sis

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southeastern Asia, China

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Topiary, Espalier, Specimen, Shade, Edible

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 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: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Layering

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