

## Schefflera arboricola

### (Dwarf Schefflera)

Hawaiian or dwarf schefflera is a medium to large evergreen shrub. The glossy green leaves are hand-shaped (palmate) with seven to eleven leaflets. The leaves are waxy, succulent and green when new, becoming tan and semi-woody when old. If the leaves or stems are crushed or cut, a pungent fragrance of fresh black pepper is released. The flower and the fruit do not have any landscape importance. The plant is often used as a landscape shrub in warm, frost-free areas and as an interior plant in cooler zones. Outside, it prefers humid environments, partial sun to part shade and fertile, well-drained soil. It is moderately drought tolerant once established. It can be used as a hedge, specimen planting, or a poolside container plant. It also trains well into an espalier on the wall of a building. All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested



Plant Image

### Landscape Information

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**French Name:** Arbre ombelle

**Pronunciation:** shef-LER-uh ar-bor-ee-KO-luh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Southeastern Asia, China, Taiwan

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11

**Uses:** Hedge, Specimen, Indoor, Container, Wildlife

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Vase

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Palmately Compound

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Orange

**Seasons:** Summer

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Mites, Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Fruit Image



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