

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

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

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Orange

Seasons: Summer

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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

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

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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