Azadirachta indica

(Neem tree)

Neem tree is native to tropcal dry areas such as India or Burma. The tree according to seasons might be evergreen or deciduous as it looses its leaves in drought condition. It has dark green compound leaves and very fragrant white flowers late spring. The fruit is an olive like drupe. This drought-tolerant tree is grown to prevent soil erosion and to help in soil conservation and improvement. Other than the that almost every part of the tree has some uses. Durable wood is used for furniture and lumber. Leaves and bark are used in teas, cosmetics, toothpaste, pet care and medicinal preparations. Dried leaves are used to deter moth. Twigs are used as tooth brushes. Neem oil is a botanical insecticide, repellent and fungicide. In landscape the tree is used in hot and dry climates where is can withstand drought and heat. It has invasive potential.



Landscape Information

French Name: Margousier Arabic Name: چریش Pronounciation: ay-zad-ih-RAK-tuh IN-dih-kuh Plant Type: Tree Origin: Central America, northwestern Africa, Madagasca Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13 Uses: Screen, Hedge, Container, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate Tree Shape: Round, Upright Canopy Symmetry: Irregular Canopy Density: Medium Canopy Texture: Fine Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m Spread at Maturity: Over 15 meters

Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible Leaf Persistance: Semi Evergreen Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compund Leaf Blade: 20 - 30 Leaf Shape: Linear Leaf Margins: Dentate Leaf Textures: Medium Leaf Scent: 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: White

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy Fruit Fruit Type: Drupe Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5 Fruit Colors: Yellow

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: Yes Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral Water Requirements: Moderate, Low Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes Invasive Potential: Yes Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No Surface Rooting: No Edible Parts: None Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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