

Schinus molle

(Peruvian Peppertree)

Evergreen tree originated from South America. The young bark is smooth and gray, but with age becomes a papery. The leaves are pepper scented long and linear. From late winter to summer, long but tiny, yellow-white flowers appear. We have female and male trees separately. The female trees produces rosy- pink berries which can be dried and substitute for the black pepper. The tree needs full or partial sun and can tolerate heat, drought and light freezes.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Faux-poivrier odorant

Arabic Name: فلفل بيروفي

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: South America

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Shade, Windbreak, Edible, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 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: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Fine

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

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: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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