

## Schefflera actinophylla

### (Umbrella-Tree, Octopus tree)

Octopus or umbrella tree is a large shrub or a small tree. This tender plant used many times as an interior or house plants. It is growing a multi trunks with grouped leaves end of each trunk. The leaves are compound, large and shiny. Many red flowers are produced in late summer always above the canopy. Later on purple drupe fruit appear. It has to be grown in a frost free zones, prefers full sun or partial shade. it can tolerate drought and poor soil condition. It takes container condition very well. Can be considered as invasive in hot areas.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Arbre ombrelle

**Arabic Name:** شغلرا آكتينوفيللا

**Pronunciation:** shef-LEER-uh ack-tin-oh-FILL-uh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Melanesia, Australia

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Specimen, Container, Shade

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Vase

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Palmately Compound

**Leaf Blade:** 20 - 30

**Leaf Shape:** Oblong

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** Over 20

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red, Purple

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

## Horticulture Management

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### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

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

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Layering

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Fruit Image



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