

Citharexylum spinosum

(Fiddlewood)

Lovely tree with attractive leaf and fragrant flower. The tree is fast growing stays evergreen in tropical and subtropical climate but can become semi deciduous in cooler climates. Shredding leaves become orange in color and can make the area messy . It has sweetly perfumed flowers. It prefer full sun but will tolerate some shade



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: sith-uh-REKS-il-um spy-NO-sum

Plant Type: Tree

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Hedge, Specimen

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Notes

All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested.
Pollen can cause some allergy symptoms.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Bowed

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oblanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire, Serrulate

Leaf Textures: Leathery

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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