

## Firmiana simplex

### (Chinese Parasoltree)

Chinese parasol is a lovely tropical looking tree with green smooth trunk and large deciduous leaves. This fast growing tree is originated from Southeast Asia. The leaves are dark green with 3-7 lobed leaves. In the summertime creamy small flowers appear on the tip of the branches. The tree should be planted on full sun, fertile well moist soil. Protect the tree from cold, dry winds. It makes a good shade tree or street tree. In mild climate the tree can spread invasive from its seeds.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Arbre parasol de Chine

**Pronunciation:** : fer-mee-AY-nuh SIM-plecks

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Southeastern Asia, China, Japan

**Heat Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Specimen, Shade, Street

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

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

**Spread at Maturity:** 8 to 10 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Palmate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Star

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate, Lobate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Brown

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green, Yellow

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

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

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Colored

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Fall

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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