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.



Landscape Information

French Name: Arbre parasol de Chine

Pronounciation: : 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

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate **Leaf Venation:** Palmate

Leaf Persistance: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: 10 - 20 Leaf Shape: Star

Leaf Margins: Undulate, Lobate **Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Brown

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 7 - 10 Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragance Flower Color: Green, Yellow Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected

to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule Fruit Showiness: True Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7 Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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

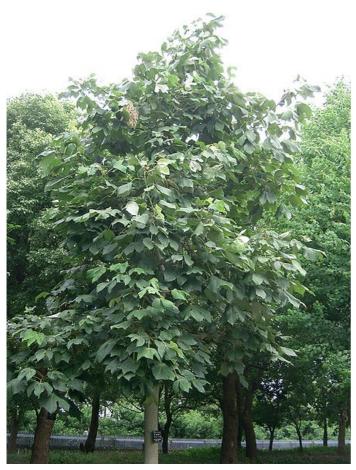
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