

Botanical Name: Schefflera elegantissima (Dizygotheca elegantissima)

Common Name: Threadleaf False Aralia

Type of Plant: houseplant, tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, single or multi-stemmed plant with fine,  
delicate looking foliage -- plant usually narrow and tall -- often 3 per pot

Height 2-4' (to 10') Spread to 1' (4') Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out prefers bright indoor conditions; needs shade outdoors

Soil well-drained potting mix; add organic matter to garden soil

Hardiness needs high humidity indoors; tender to frost outdoors

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, leaflets 5-9 per leaf, linear, coarsely  
serrate. Leaflets fine, delicate when young, becoming 12" long, 2" wide

Flowers light green, 1/4" diameter in terminal umbels to 12" long

Fruit small drupes 1/2" diameter, yellow when mature

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings, air-layering

Usage: specimen houseplant, used for tropical-looking foliage.

Outdoors used as tropical accent shrub in protected areas in shade or under

the eaves of a house

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular water but should not be water-logged --  
needs humidity

Fertilizing balanced 1/2 strength once or twice a month

Pruning sometimes topped to promote branching

Pests/Diseases mealybugs/whiteflies indoors; pest-free outdoors

Special Conditions requires high humidity to keep leaves intact

Origin: Polynesia Family: Araliaceae