

Botanical Name: Casimiroa edulis

Common Name: White sapote

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, with ascending-  
spreading branches forming a large, oval-rounded canopy which can become  
umbrella-shaped with age; trunk is ash-gray, warty-rough on mature plants

Height 20'-30' (50') Spread 2/3 - equal Growth Rate mod. - rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most; likes moisture

Hardiness some frost (zones 15,16,22-24): prefers warm, coastal

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, alternate, 8" - 12" long; 5 leaflets;  
elliptic-lanceolate, 3"-6" long, shiny dark green with crenate margins

Flowers inconspicuous, greenish, 1/4" - 1/2" diameter, in short  
axillary or terminal panicles; late spring

Fruit a drupe; round, greenish-yellow, 3" - 4" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: an accent tree utilized for its form, foliage and fruit;  
fruit tastes somewhat like banana-peach; fruit production is heavy, therefore  
the plant is messy around patios; good for tropical-subtropical landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; tolerates drought after established

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; check for chlorosis in alkaline soil

Pruning head high when young to encourage umbrella-shaped canopy

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico  
& Cen. Amer. Family: Rutaceae