

Botanical Name: Sapium sebiferum

Common Name: Chinese Tallow Tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape round, upright, dense tree with fine, aspen-like foliage
giving brilliant fall color

Height to 35' Spread to 30' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most any -- prefers mildly acid soils

Hardiness hardy, zones 8,9,12, 14-16, 18-21, prefers cool climates

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, ovate to rhomboid with abruptly acuminate tip,
glabrous, light green turning bright colors in fall

Flowers spike of tiny yellow flowers -- to 4" long in spring

Fruit grayish white waxy capsule, 1/2" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent street, lawn or shade tree -- gives brilliant
fall color red, yellow, orange or purple

Landscape Care:

Watering ample watering gives rapid growth

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting

Pruning head up and remove sucker growth, thin occasionally

Pests/Diseases none major

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Japan Family: Euphorbiaceae