

Botanical Name: Hymenosporum flavum

Common Name: Sweetshade

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant with short lateral branches; develops a narrow, loose, oval canopy

Height 10-40' (50') Spread 1/2 to 2/3 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil grows best in well-draining loam soils

Hardiness tender (zones 21-24); requires mild-climate habitat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate (crowded near ends of branches), elliptical-obovate; 2-6" long, shiny; margins sometimes undulate

Flowers yellowish, 1" broad, very fragrant, in loose terminal 4-8" clusters; spring-early summer

Fruit a stalked capsule: 1" long, dull tan, with winged seeds

Propagation: seed or semihardwood cuttings

Usage: a desirable small vertical accent tree, used for its fragrant flowers and glossy foliage; suitable for use as a street tree, patio tree or lawn tree; for subtropical, informal landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular (provide good drainage); plant not very drought-tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, in spring and late summer; check for chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired; head high when young

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold, scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Pittosporaceae