

Botanical Name: Schefflera arboricola

Common Name: Dwarf schefflera

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape multi-stemmed, upright, dense plant with dark-green,  
umbrella-like foliage; branches somewhat angular and spreading

Height 6-8' (to 20') Spread 3-4' (to 25') Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor medium to bright light indoors; part shade outdoors

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained soil

Hardiness likes warm temperatures, high humidity

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, palmately compound 7-12 leaflets; leaflets  
elliptical to 3" long, dark green, on petioles to 6" long

Flowers clusters of yellow-green flowers at branch tips

Fruit round, orange drupe 1/4" wide

Propagation: seed, air layering, tip cuttings

Usage: specimen plant to small tree indoors; works well in  
shady, tropical landscapes outdoors -- good by pools

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular water

Fertilizing balanced, 1/2 strength, monthly

Pruning head back occasionally to force side branching/dense form

Pests/Diseases spider mites, mealybug

Special Conditions plants are brittle -- difficult to ship large specimens

Origin: New Zealand Family: Araliaceae