

Botanical Name: Melia azederach 'Umbaculiformis'

Common Name: Chinaberry, Texas umbrella tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Family Meliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Dense, broad, spreading deciduous tree with persistent berrylike  
fruit which remain on the tree through the winter months

Height 30 to 50 ft. Spread 20 to 40 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil including alkaline soil and heavy clay

Hardiness Hardy - Zones 6, 8-24

Morphology:

Leaves Bipinnately compound, to 3 ft. long, leaflets elliptical, coarsely  
toothed, to 2" long - leaves turn golden color in Fall

Flowers lavender to purple in loose terminal panicles - spring to summer  
sometimes fragrant in the evening

Fruit yellowish berry to 1/2" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: very durable, hardy tree which can grow in very poor soils, hot,  
dry climates and very coastal areas - one of the most adaptable trees available  
providing deep shade and tolerance of most any conditions

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant once established; best with deep, infrequent  
watering

Fertilizing none required

Pruning thin regularly to prevent splitting, remove suckers

Pests/Diseases none major

Other wood is very brittle; keep dry to slow growth and prevent breakage

Origin: Southern Asia