

Botanical Name: Pseudopanax lessonii

Common Name: Pseudopanax

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, multi-stemmed, forming a multi-stemmed habit

(similar to Schefflera) -- of slender stems, cane like, loose open canopy

Height 5-10' (20') Spread 8-10' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade, full sun near coast

Soil prefers moist loam, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 17, 20-24); best in mild climates

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, alternate, 3-7 lobed, leaflets

obovate, 1-3" long, medium green, slightly toothed, petioles 3-12" long

Flowers umbels of small yellow green flowers in summer;

inconspicuous

Fruit oblong drupe, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: container plant -- interesting form and foliage, small to

medium sized accent in tropical landscapes -- eventually becomes treelike

if pruned

Landscape Care:

Watering regular watering preferred

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning none--except to remove old leaves, selectively head back

Pests/Diseases scale, spider mites

Special Conditions

Origin: New Zealand Family: Araliaceae