

Botanical Name: Pistacia chinensis

Common Name: Chinese pistache

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree, with a large open canopy in youth which becomes more dense and rounded with age

Height 30-50' (60') Spread 2/3-3/4 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; grows poorly in shade

Soil tolerates most, prefers well-draining

Hardiness some frost (zones 8-16,18-23); thrives in warm low-elev.

Morphology:

Leaves even pinnately compound, alternate (or whorled) towards the ends of branches; having mostly 10-16 leaflets; 2-4" long, lanceolate

Flowers plants are dioecious; produce inconspicuous male and female flowers; in axillary or terminal 4-6" panicles; late spring-summer

Fruit a drupe: oval-obovoid, bright red to purple-blue, 1/4" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: a medium to large shade tree or accent tree for its fall color and form; lawn tree, street tree

Landscape Care:

Watering no special requirements - adapts to heavy watering if drainage is excellent, can tolerate drought

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; little needed in drier locations

Pruning head high when young, prune to shape, thin out occasionally

Pests/Diseases verticillium wilt in heavy, wet, poorly drained soils

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Anacardiaceae