

Botanical Name: Fatsia japonica

Common Name: Japanese aralia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, single or multi-trunked plant; long petioled
leaves form a rounded, oval canopy -- older plants become somewhat treelike
and sparse

Height 5-10' (15') Spread 6-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun/shade (full sun along coast)

Soil prefers moist, well-draining

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 13-24)

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate-whorled at ends of stems, 5-9 lobes,
blades 8-16" (20") across, petioles 12-24" long, dentate margin

Flowers panicles of small white flowers 10-12" long, winter-spring

Fruit black, 1/4" berry

Propagation: seed

Usage: striking foliage plant for tropical or woodsy effects,
mass plantings background plant, large filler container plant or house plant

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering -- not drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced -- spring, late winter

Pruning remove old dead leaves, flower stalks, selectively head back

Pests/Diseases red spider mite, mealybug, scale, snails/slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Araliaceae