

Botanical Name: Pittosporum rhombifolium

Common Name: Queensland pittosporum, Diamond pittosporum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, with ascending and spreading branches forming an oval-pyramidal canopy

Height 15-30'(50') Spread 1/2-2/3 Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil prefers well-draining soils of neutral pH

Hardiness some frost(zones 12-24);hardier than Pittosporum undulatum

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate (often whorled at branch tips) oval-rhomboid or lanceolate; 2-4" long, acuminate, coarsely toothed

Flowers white, numerous, small (1/4" diameter); in terminal clusters; spring

Fruit a round, bright orange-yellow capsule; ripens fall/winter

Propagation: seed

Usage: a small accent tree for its form, foliage, and fruit; patio tree, lawn or street tree; container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred; plant is drought-tolerant after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring, plus iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning as a tree, head high and keep canopy full

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold, scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Pittosporaceae