

Botanical Name: Rhaphiolepis 'Majestic Beauty'

Common Name: NCN

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub or small tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a large single-trunked or multi-trunked plant, with upright and spreading branching to form a full rounded to somewhat umbrella-shaped canopy; easily pruned into a small tree in size

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun - tolerates some shade at inland locations

Soil tolerates most - thrives in well-drained loam soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-10, 12-24): best for warm coastal-climate areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-broadly elliptic, with coarsely toothed margins; 3"-5" long, dark glossy green above, paler beneath

Flowers bright pinkish-white, 5-petaled, to 1/2" across, in showy clusters at or near the ends of the branches; mostly in February - April

Fruit if present, a small blue-black drupe

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent large-scale accent shrub (or small tree) for its branch structure, dark green glossy foliage, and showy display of pink flowers; can be massed as a background screen; for temperate-climate, oriental, and Mediterranean-theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular; is fairly drought tolerant at coastal locations

Fertilizing balanced, as needed (usually spring and fall)

Pruning to shape desired (avoid shearing); selectively head back for a fuller shrub-form, or head high and thin out canopy for tree shape

Pests/Diseases fireblight, oak root fungus

Special Conditions a probable hybrid between Rhaphiolepis

Origin: and Eriobotrya Family: Rosaceae