

Botanical Name: Photinia fraseri

Common Name: Fraser's photina

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, branches spreading up and outward to form a rather dense, oval to round canopy, can become a small tree

Height 5-10' Spread 4-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers moist loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); tolerates desert heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic/ovate, 2-5" long, serrate, new growth bronze-red, mature foliage dark green

Flowers tiny, white, in terminal, flat clusters (corymbs), 4-6" across, spring bloom

Fruit small, 1/8" red, berry-like pome

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: mainly as formal shaped filler or hedge material for its new red foliage -- background mass, espalier -- may be pruned into small tree

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- not very drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced in spring, plus iron; may need 2nd application in fall season

Pruning frequently head back lightly to promote new red foliage

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold, powdery mildew

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Rosaceae