

Botanical Name: Catha edulis

Common Name: Khat; Arabian tea

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, many branched, forming an oval-round canopy
(similar in appearance to Photinia) fairly loose and open if unpruned

Height 5-10' (20') Spread 6-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers drier soils, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 13, 16-24); prefers warm habitat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite on maroon-red stems, oval-obovate or
elliptic, 2-4" long, strongly serrate, dark shiny green

Flowers tiny (1/4"), white flowers, axillary cymes--May through
July

Fruit small capsule, 1/4"

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: large filler or background; use on slopes, as a drought
tolerant screen, or espalier; good for bronzy, shiny new foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak -- very drought tolerant, tolerates
regular watering if drainage is good

Fertilizing little needed unless heavily watered

Pruning to shape desired, anytime

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions performs best with excellent drainage

Origin: East Africa Family: Celastraceae