

Botanical Name: Polyscias fruticosa

Common Name: Ming aralia

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Family Araliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, fine-textured houseplant, usually arising from thick canes
canes which make it resemble on old bonsai specimen with fine foliage

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoors needs bright light, high humidity, warm temperatures
indoors; tender patio plant

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness tender, zones 23 and 24; challenging houseplant

Morphology:

Leaves tri-pinnately compound; leaflets linear, usually curled or toothed
on margins; leaves to 4" long, 2" across

Flowers tiny umbels; rare in indoor specimens

Fruit tiny drupe, 1/8" across

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: a prized specimen houseplant, normally grown in a pot by itself;
sometimes used as a patio plant; creates the appearance of great age because of
contrast between foliage and thick trunks

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering; allow to dry between waterings

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly

Pruning generally none

Pests/Diseases spider mites, root rot when over watered

Other

Origin: India to Polynesia