

Botanical Name: Cinnamomum camphora

Common Name: Camphor tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree; forms an oval to rounded canopy in youth which becomes very broadly rounded or umbrella-shaped with age; develops massive branching structure and shallow root system with age

Height 30' - 50' Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial sun inland locations

Soil tolerates most; prefers deep loam soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24); thrives in warm, sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate or opposite, ovate-elliptic; often 3-nerved from base; light green, acuminate; leaves strongly aromatic, 2"-5" long

Flowers yellow-green, small, in branched axillary clusters

Fruit a berry; black, round, 1/4"-3/4" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: a widely used large-scale accent tree, valued for its majestic form and glossy foliage; suitable as a lawn tree, big shade or street tree (give roots plenty of room); accommodates most landscape styles

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; plant tolerates some drought after established if grown near the coast

Fertilizing only as needed; balanced, in spring, plus iron

Pruning head high when young and develop primary scaffold

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Taiwan Family: Lauraceae