

Botanical Name: Cocculus laurifolius

Common Name: Laurel-leaf snailseed

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright or spreading plant, mostly single-trunked, with
graceful arching branches forming a dense rounded canopy which becomes
umbrella-like with age

Height 15'-20' (30') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors all exposures; best in partial sun or shade

Soil well-draining soils preferred; can tolerate clay soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 8-9; 12-24):thrives in mild coast climate

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, lanceolate-elliptic; 3"-6" long;
two sub-marginal veins are very distinctive

Flowers inconspicuous; axillary 1" racemes of tiny yellow-green

Fruit a drupe; inconspicuous, black, 1/8" diameter when ripe

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: a large background mass or loose screen; can be pruned into
a graceful accent tree, used for picturesque form and dark green foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; the plant is not very drought-tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, in spring, plus iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning selectively head back errant branches and thin out

Pests/Diseases scale, wooly apple aphid

Special Conditions

Origin: China-Tibet Family: Menispermaceae