

Botanical Name: Schefflera pueckleri (Tupidanthus calyptratus)

Common Name: Tupidanthus

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape multi-trunk, upright, tropical tree, resembling Schefflera actinophylla but gets wider and spreads more , branches from base, foliage is darker and glossier

Height 10-20' Spread 6-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun to full sun in mild climates

Soil rich, well-drained

Hardiness tender (zones 19-24) performs best near coast

Morphology:

Leaves resembles Schefflera actinophylla, palmately compound, 7-9 leaflets on 12" petioles; leaflets have aristate tips

Flowers yellow-green 3/4-1" diameter, inconspicuous

Fruit drupe, 1/2" diameter

Propagation: cuttings, seed

Usage: effective near pools, sheltered lanais, or patios, good as a container tree, and in tropical landscapes -- could be specimen houseplant

Landscape Care:

Watering frequent irrigation -- do not allow to dry out

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning pinch when young for bushiness

Pests/Diseases mealybug, aphids

Special Conditions

Origin: India Family: Araliaceae