

Botanical Name: Harpephyllum caffrum

Common Name: Wild Plum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, with irregular zig-zag branching forming a dense rounded canopy

Height 20-40' (50') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil well-draining loam

Hardiness some frost (zones 17,19,21-24); prefers mild coastal locale

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound, alternate (often crowded at ends of branches) 10-18" long with an odd-number (11-19) lanceolate leaflets

Flowers white, tiny, in mostly terminal panicles; late spring to summer

Fruit a drupe: plum-red, oval, 3/4"-1" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: widely used in So. Cal. as a shade tree or small accent tree for its showy fruit and glossy foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred; tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; add iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired; thin out canopy

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold

Special Conditions

Origin: China/India Family: Anacardiaceae