

Botanical Name: Schefflera actinophylla

Common Name: Queensland umbrella tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, clumping plant, with few to several long slender cane-like stems forming a loose canopy

Height 10'- 20' (35') Spread 1/3 - 1/2 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun or shade inland; full sun near coast

Soil rich loam preferred; tolerates most except strong alkaline

Hardiness some frost (zones 21-24); protect from winds

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, alternate, 12 - 24" long, long petioles 7-16 leaflets, oval/elliptic, 4-12" long; glossy green upper, paler beneath

Flowers deep red, 1/4" across, produced on terminal 18 -24" spikes, fall-winter

Fruit a berry; purple-red 3/4" - 1" long

Propagation: seed, air-layering

Usage: a dramatic tropical accent plant valued for its form and showy foliage; widely used as a container plant - (indoors or out)

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred; tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring; add iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning selectively head back the longest canes to limit height

Pests/Diseases scale, aphids, spidermite, mealybug (indoors)

Special Conditions

Origin: N. Australia Family: Araliaceae