

Botanical Name: Diospyros kaki 'Hachiya'

Common Name: Oriental persimmon, Japanese persimmon

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a mostly erect and single-trunked tree, with ascending or irregular branching to form a loose canopy; dark brown, textured bark gives the trunk and larger branches an interesting appearance

Height 15'-30' (40') Spread 3/4 - equal Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; needs sun for flowering

Soil tolerates most; prefers deep loam habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 14-16, 18-23): thrives in seasonal climates

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-elliptical or obovate; 3"-8" long, acuminate; the blade is smooth above and pubescent beneath, bright green

Flowers yellowish-white, bell-shaped, axillary; solitary or cymose 3/4" long, not very conspicuous; late spring - summer

Fruit a berry; showy, orange, large, oval, ripens in fall

Propagation: seed, followed by grafting

Usage: a beautiful small accent tree, used for its form, glossy foliage, and very showy fruit; can be espaliered; fruit-drop is a problem

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; when fruit is maturing, water less often to avoid fruit drop

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; avoid excessive nitrogen

Pruning during winter; remove crossing branches or dead wood; thin

Pests/Diseases relatively free; sometimes gets aphids or mealybug

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Ebonaceae