

Schefflera - *Schefflera arboricola*

**General Information:** This dwarf schefflera is an evergreen shrub with dark green, glossy, palmate leaves densely covering flexible, green stems which gently fan out into a rounded crown. Moderate salt tolerance.

**Family:** Araliaceae

**Lighting:** Part shade, part sun

**Temperature:** Zone 9b.

**Watering:** Adequate water to keep from drying out and remaining dry.

**Feeding:** General purpose fertilizer.

**Pruning and wiring:** Branching can be encouraged by pinching the stems. It can be pruned into a small tree over a period of years. Style as a broad crowned bonsai with the silhouette of a banyan tree.

**Propagation:** May be propagated by cuttings, seed and air layer.

**Repotting:** The tree needs annual repotting and may be severely root pruned. Not particular about the type of soil, however it should be well drained and slightly alkaline.

**Pests and diseases:** Scale and spider mites when grown indoors. No diseases of major concern.

**Bibliography:**

US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Fact Sheet ST-586.

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