

California / Peruvian Pepper Tree (Common Name)

Schinus molle (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 25' – 40' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Compatible: 25' – 50' from base

Root Damage Potential: High

Leaves: 6-14" long, 19-41 leaflets.

Leaflets: 1-3" long, lance-shaped, Green to yellow Green above, paler beneath.

Flowers: Tiny and greenish white. In 3-7" long, branched, drooping clusters. Blooms in Summer.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: Yes, bright pink fruits, sold as pink peppercorns

Allergenic: High

BVOC Emissions: Moderate

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: Yes

Tree Care: Needs well-drained soil. Irrigation helps the younger trees grow faster, not typically needed in older trees. Structural pruning helps the tree not droop. Remove shoots and water sprouts that grow.

