





PISTACIA CHINENSIS

Chinese Pistache

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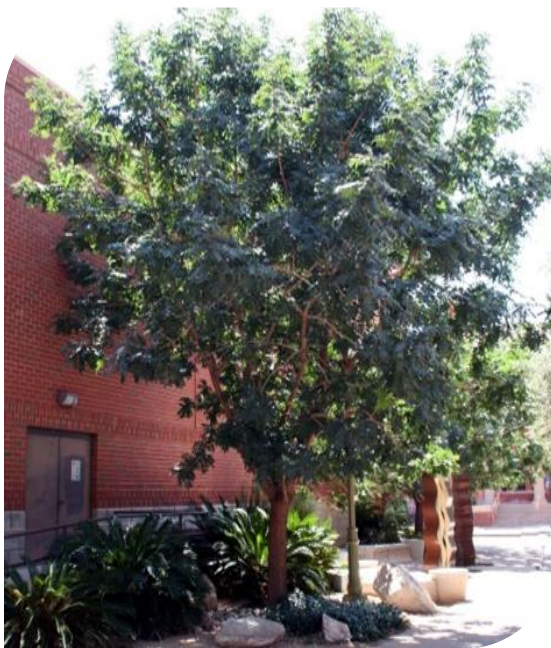
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 Native to China

Why we love it...

Tucsonans, meet the one and only desert adapted tree that is guaranteed to give you the beautiful orange and red colors that you crave in fall, and the cooling shade that you desire in summer! Chinese Pistache develops a dense umbrella-shaped canopy of grass-green leaves that appear to catch on fire in fall, adding quite a bit of seasonal intrigue to your garden.

Even in winter, the absence of leaves creates interest by exposing the tree's intricate branching patterns and attractive bark. These self-sufficient trees rarely need pruning, and only require staking if planted in locations that experience high winds. Chinese Pistache is also highly resistant to damage from extreme heat, cold and drought!



Lydia says: Chinese Pistache is dioecious, which means that each tree bears either all-male or all-female flowers, and only female specimens develop the red to black peppercorn-like fruits.

Deciduous Tree: *Pistacia chinensis*

Size (H x W): 30-50 feet x 20-30 feet

Blooms: Red to green, male and female on different plants, appearing in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 0° F, USDA Zone 7

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter to early spring, before new leaves emerge

Growth Rate: Moderate



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