

# Chinese Pistache (Common Name)

*Pistacia chinensis* (Scientific Name)



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 25' – 35' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Friendly: 25' – 35' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: The leaves are deciduous, and 20–25 cm long, with 10 or 12 leaflets.

Flowers: The flowers are produced in panicles 15–20 cm long at the ends of the branches; it is dioecious, with separate male and female plants.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Moderate

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Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Water twice a week for the first month until it acclimates. After that, check the topsoil once a week and water if the soil is dry. Use a nitrogen-based fertilizer for the first 5 years. Prune in January or February. Rake up leaf litter to avoid unwanted seedlings.

Ecosystem Services: In China, the oil from the seeds is used for biodiesel production. The wood is used for production of furniture, and yields a yellow dye.



