

California / Peruvian Pepper Tree (Common Name)



Schinus molle (Scientific Name)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 25' – 40' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Friendly: 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. 3-7" long, branches,
drooping clusters. Blooms in Summer



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

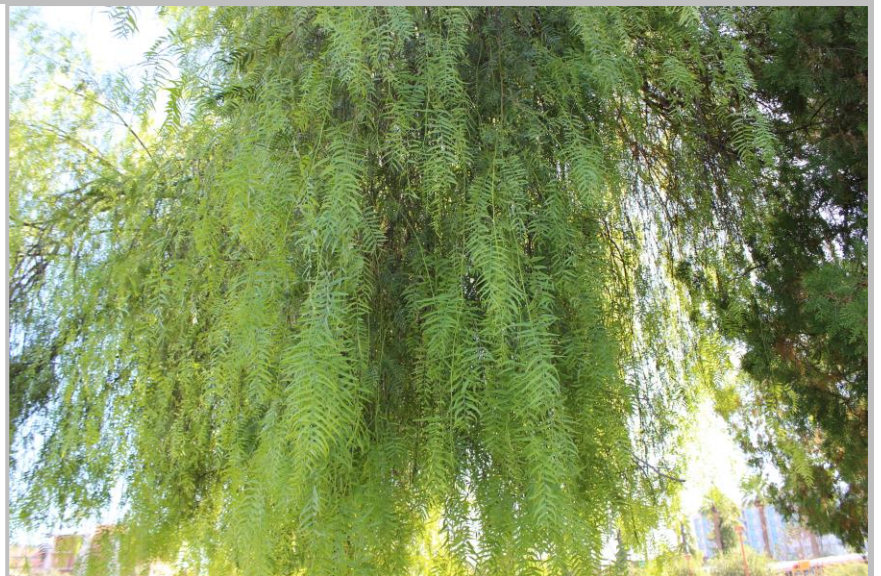
Edible Fruit Producing: Yes

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.

Ecosystem Services: In traditional medicine used to treat wounds and infections due to its antibacterial and antiseptic properties. Has also been used as an antidepressant and diuretic.

