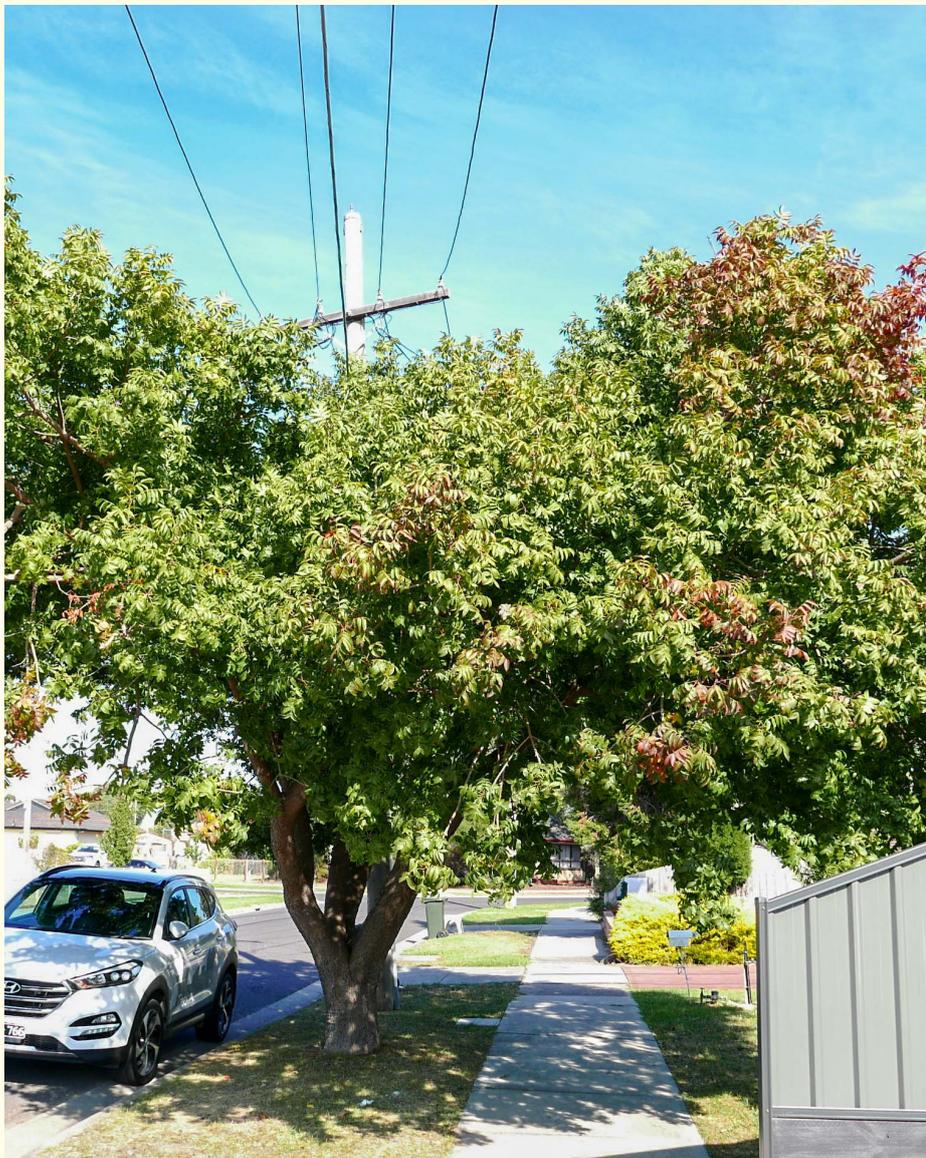


Chinese Pistachio

Pistacia chinensis



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Description

Typical height:
6-8 metres

Typical width:
5-8 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate

Typical form:
Rounded

Origin

Central China and Taiwan.

Characteristics

Attractive pinnate foliage, red-orange in autumn. Inconspicuous, apetalous flowers in racemes or panicles in spring. Fruits small, blue-pink globose drupes borne in large clusters in March on female trees. Dark grey bark.

Tolerances

High drought tolerance. Suitable for use under powerlines: Suitable.

Facts and Trivia

Young shoots eaten as a vegetable in China. Unlike *Pistachia vera*, which produces Pistachio nuts, Chinese Pistachio nuts are not eaten.

It is prized for its attractive autumn colours, although its spring floral display is relatively dull, bearing inconspicuous, unisexual flowers with no petals.