

# Melia azedarach

(White Cedar)



## Notes

A handsome tree, berry persistence amongst winter tracery adds an element of interest, though eventual fruit drop can be a problem. Germinates readily in the right conditions, is a weed species in the northern states. Requires formative pruning.

It will tolerate a variety of environmental conditions. As it ages it can develop an interesting knarled form (The fruit drop can be messy!!) Its quick to establish and provide a dominant, attractive canopy in the landscape. It has attractive flowers and soft foliage that provides dappled shade. In winter it has yellow berries making it interesting all year round.

<b>Origin</b>	Queensland and New South Wales.
<b>Habit</b>	Small deciduous tree. Wide spreading, broad domed canopy that develops a marked layered appearance. Fast growth rate, mature size ranges between 6-10m high x 5-8m wide.
<b>Description</b>	Leaves bipinnate, large, glossy, and fresh green coloured. Bark a dark brown with shallow fissures when young becoming grey-brown and furrowed with age. Flowers purplish mauve borne in diffuse panicles in spring. Yellow berries persist during the winter.
<b>Tolerances</b>	Adapts to most soils. Moderate waterlogging and drought tolerance. Not seriously affected by pest or disease.
<b>Root space</b>	Based on mature size tree would require approximately 50m <sup>2</sup> area or 30m <sup>3</sup> root volume (crown projection method).
<b>Availability</b>	Common.

## Reference

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