

Pistacia chinensis

(Chinese pistachio)



Notes

A beautiful tree with brilliant yellow, orange and scarlet foliage in autumn. Pistachios only grow to about 8m (25') tall, they make excellent garden or street trees.

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Origin	Central and Western China, Taiwan.
Habit	Small deciduous round headed tree that has upright branching. Growth rate is moderate. Trees at maturity can reach between 6-10m in height and 5-8m in width.
Description	Foliage is dark green, large, pinnate and attractive. In autumn, brilliant colours of red and orange are produced. Bark is dark grey and develops shallow furrows. When the outer bark is peeled away, an inner bark of salmon to orange colour is revealed. Flowers are green and inconspicuous, produced in summer. Blue berries.
Tolerances	Adapts well to most soil conditions, performs best in slightly acidic soils. High tolerance to both drought and frost. Has a low to moderate tolerance to root disturbance. Low tolerance to water logging, prefers a well drained soil.
Root space	47m ³ root volume.
Availability	Hard to propagate from seed, availability occasional.
Uses & management	Urban streetscapes. Suitable to be planted under powerlines. Speciman tree. Autumn colour. Some formative pruning may be required to develop a good structure.