

Schefflera actinophylla

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Common Names: Octopus Tree, Australian Ivy Palm, Starleaf, Umbrella Tree, Amate Tree

Family: Araliaceae

Origin: South-East Asia, Australia

Height: 14" pot = 15" Specimen = 50'

Light: Bright, indirect

Foot Candles: 200 - 250+

Water: Let leaves droop slightly

Humidity: 40% - 70%

Temperature: 18°C - 30°C

Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter

Nutrients: 15-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed or cuttings

Interiorscape Use: Large potted plant, atrium

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when sitting in water. Leaf drop with insufficient light levels.

Comments: The common name 'Octopus Tree' is derived from the red tentacle-like flower stalks that appear when growing in their native environment.

Toxicity: Ingestion of leaves may cause minor symptoms of oral irritation, pain and swelling of mouth, tongue, and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing, and diarrhea. More severe in animals than in humans.



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