

Discover the Flora of Our Campus

Tree schefflera(*Schefflera arboricola*.)

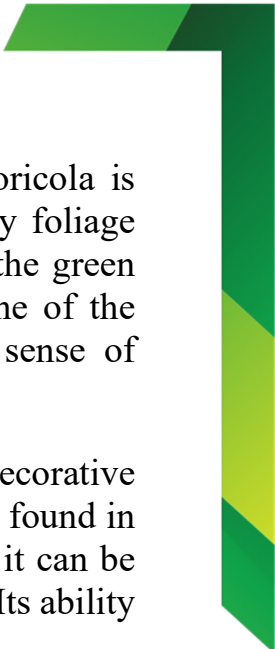
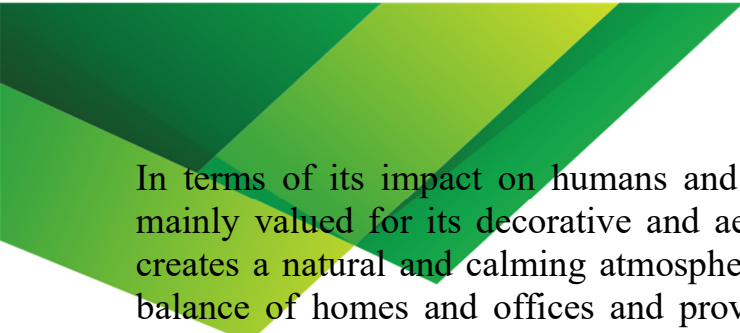
Schefflera arboricola, commonly known as “schefflera” or “dwarf umbrella tree,” is an evergreen ornamental houseplant distinguished by its decorative foliage. Its leaves are composed of several small leaflets arranged in a hand-like pattern, forming an umbrella shape. The foliage is usually glossy green, while some varieties feature yellow or cream-colored spots and stripes. The plant grows as a bush or small tree, creating a neat, tropical appearance in interior spaces.



long-lasting and stable plant.

The plant originates from Taiwan and southern China. In nature, it grows in warm and humid tropical forests, often under the shade of larger trees. Today, it is widely cultivated as an indoor and office plant in many countries. In Azerbaijan as well, it is commonly used in interior decoration in homes and workplaces.

Schefflera arboricola prefers indirect light and develops better in semi-shaded conditions. Strong direct sunlight can cause leaf burn and fading. The soil should be light, well-aerated, and well-drained. It requires moderate watering, as overwatering can lead to root rot. It prefers warm environments and is sensitive to cold and sudden temperature changes. With proper care, it is a



In terms of its impact on humans and the environment, *schefflera arboricola* is mainly valued for its decorative and aesthetic qualities. Its dense, glossy foliage creates a natural and calming atmosphere in indoor spaces. It enhances the green balance of homes and offices and provides visual comfort. It is also one of the houseplants that can slightly improve indoor air quality. It creates a sense of calmness and connection to nature.

Its main uses are in interior and office design. It is commonly used as a decorative plant in living room corners, tabletops, and spacious interiors. It is widely found in hotels, restaurants, and shopping centers as part of green décor. Because it can be shaped into a small tree form, it is often used as a “living decorative tree.” Its ability to remain attractive with minimal care makes it highly popular.

Interestingly, *Schefflera arboricola* can orient its leaves toward light sources. In nature, it can sometimes grow as an epiphyte on tree trunks. When pruned, it becomes denser and more compact in shape. It is considered one of the most popular and resilient ornamental indoor plants in the world.

