Amate® Soleil Schefflera

Schefflera actinophylla 'Amate Soleil'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Umbrella Tree

Description:

A popular variety, with an upright, spreading habit, featuring stunning yellow-chartreuse foliage that will brighten up any outdoor area; great for patio containers or as a landscape color feature



Amate Soleil Schefflera foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Amate Soleil Schefflera has attractive chartreuse foliage with hints of olive green which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The large glossy oval compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain chartreuse throughout the winter. The burgundy branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Amate Soleil Schefflera is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Amate Soleil Schefflera is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Amate Soleil Schefflera will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Amate Soleil Schefflera makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.