



Schefflera arboricola

'Compacta'



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Genus: Schefflera
Family: Araliaceae
Order: Apiales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Toxic to pets (causes mild irritation when ingested).
Invasiveness: Not typically invasive.
Plant Type: Evergreen shrub.
Lifespan: Long-lived perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 1-2 meters (indoors); up to 1 meter outdoors.
Spread: 1 meter.
Leaf Color: Dark green, glossy.
Bloom Time: Rarely blooms indoors.
Flower Size: Small.
Flower Color: Yellow-green (when blooming, typically outdoors).

Distribution:

Origin: Native to Taiwan and Hainan.

Habitat: Thrives in Subtropical and tropical forested regions.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Toughness: Fairly tough; tolerates neglect.

Maintenance: Low.

Watering: Water when the top inch of soil is dry; avoid waterlogging.

Pruning: Prune to maintain shape and remove dead leaves.

Propagation: Propagated by stem cuttings.

Repotting: Every 2-3 years, or when root-bound.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers 5-24°C.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 10-12.

Sun Requirements: Bright, indirect light; tolerates lower light conditions.

Soil Type: Well-draining potting mix.

Use: Ornamental houseplant due to its compact growth and attractive foliage

Location: Ideal for indoor spaces, patios, or warm, sheltered outdoor areas.

Pests and Diseases: May face spider mites, mealybugs, or scale insects; root rot if overwatered.

