

BROAD-LEAF PEPPER TREE*Schinus terebinthifolia***TREE****Family** Anacardiaceae**Origin** South America

Description An evergreen tree growing to a height of 8 m and a spread of 3 m. It prefers well composted, well drained moist soils in protected sunny areas. It is drought and frost tender¹. Salt tolerant and once established resists fire¹⁵.

Stems/Leaves Short, stout, branching stem. Imparipinnate, opposite leaves with oblong to lanceolate leaflets¹. The leaf midrib is red¹⁵.

Flowers Minute greenish flowers occurring in panicles¹. Flowers from summer to autumn². Male and female flowers occur on separate trees¹⁵.

Fruit /Seed Orange globular berries occurring in dense clusters¹ on female trees. The fruit is dispersed by birds and is known to intoxicate and even kill birds, depending on amount consumed. When digested by humans the fruit may cause gastroenteritis and vomiting, and blooming trees may cause respiratory distress to some people. The sap of the tree may cause skin irritation¹⁵.

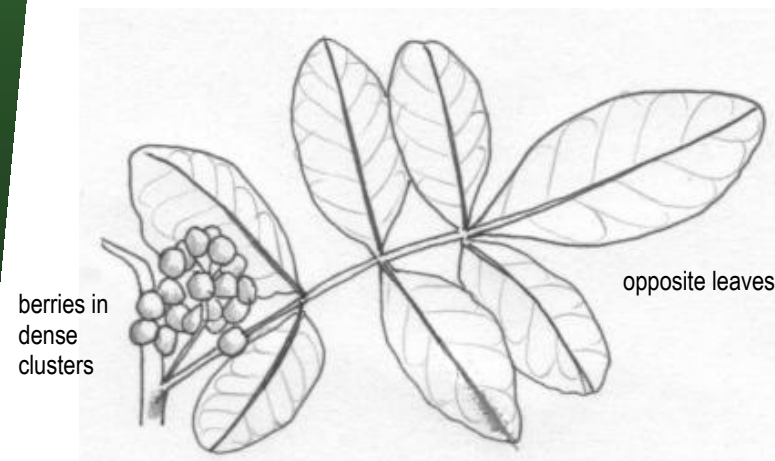
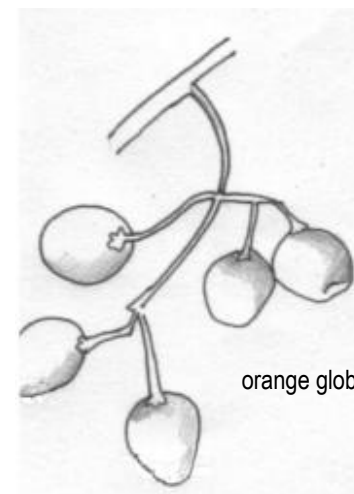
Removal techniques

Manual Hand remove small plants².

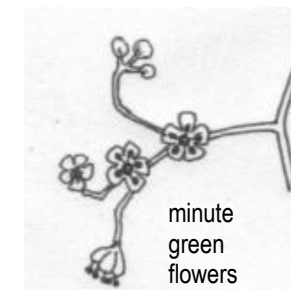
Chemical Treat mature plants with herbicide by cutting and painting close to the ground².

Notes

The species has mycorrhizal associations and is thought to release allelopathic chemicals¹⁶.

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