

Trees of West Torrens

Chinese pistachio

Botanical name	Pistacia chinensis
Family	Acaardiaceae
Mature size	5m - 8m high 6m - 8m spread
Trunk girth	230mm - 250mm
Flowers	Inconspicuous
Fruit/Seeds	✓

Description

In Adelaide the Chinese pistachio reaches an approximate height of 5m to 8m and a spread of 6m to 8m after 20 years.

This small, deciduous tree has a moderate growth rate and great autumn colour in shades of orange, yellow and red. Its bark is dark grey with shallow furrows and this variety is capable of withstanding relatively harsh conditions. Its feather-like leaves are green and leathery and inconspicuous clusters of small white flowers are borne in summer, followed by red drupes which mature to blue.

While this species is tolerant of most soil types, a well-drained soil in a sunny position is preferred. A fantastic feature tree in parks and gardens it also very adaptable as a street tree. They provide shade for shade-loving plants to grow underneath. Easily pruned for road and pedestrian clearances, they develop a strong single leader trunk with good overall structure.

Moderately drought tolerant this tree has been successfully used in footpath cut-outs (tree pit), as a residential street tree and has grown in urban areas with air pollution, poor drainage and compacted soil.



Examples of the Chinese pistachio as a street tree in West Torrens can be found on Glenburnie Terrace, Plympton - planted in 2000.



Tree facts



A mature, healthy Chinese pistachio tree at **8 metres** tall:



56 of these trees provide enough oxygen for one person for a year.



Provides **28m²** of canopy shade, equal to the shade of **9** beach umbrellas.

Removes **110 grams** of harmful air pollution every year.

Disclaimer: This information is specific to the climate and soil types of Adelaide. Tree facts from iTree.

