



Species: *Celastrus orbiculatus*

(see-las'trus or-bik-ue-lay'tus)

Chinese Bittersweet

Cultivar Information

Cultivation of *C. orbiculatus* is inadvisable due to its extremely invasive tendencies throughout much of its range. That said the native *C. scandens* makes an excellent non-invasive alternative.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Vine

Height: 33' - 40'

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: spread (vine)

Ornamental Other: less cold-hardy than the native *C. scandens*; fast growing and invasive

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 5a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: orange and red fruits are in lateral clusters

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native to China. INVASIVE in US

Photos



Celastrus orbiculatus - Fruit



Celastrus orbiculatus - Leaves, Fruit



Celastrus orbiculatus - Bark



Celastrus orbiculatus - Fruit



Celastrus orbiculatus - Habit



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Celastrus orbiculatus - Leaves, Habit



Celastrus orbiculatus - Bark



Celastrus orbiculatus - Fruit