

**Botanical Name:** *Pistacia chinensis*  
**Common Name:** Chinese Pistache  
*Pih-STASH-yah chy-NEN-suhs*

## TREE



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Anacardiaceae  
**Origin:** China  
**Climate Zone:** USDA 6-9, Sunset 4-17, 18-23  
**Mature Height:** 30-35 feet  
**Mature Width:** 30 feet  
**Plant Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Habit:** Rounded or oval form, irregular when young  
**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate  
**Flower Color/Details:** Insignificant, inconspicuous  
**Flower Season:** Spring  
**Bark:** Gray-brown outer bark flakes, revealing salmon orange inner bark  
**Fruit:** Female trees produce red berries in fall  
**Foliage:** Dark green in summer, yellow to scarlet in fall, foot-long leaves of 10-16 leaflets each  
**Use:** Street or lawn tree, focal specimen  
**Floral:** Berry clusters in arrangements or wreaths  
**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts birds  
**Deer Resistant:** Yes  
**Fire Resistant:** Yes  
**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown  
**Adverse Factors:** Berries sprout and naturalize in riparian areas, susceptible to verticillium wilt and oak root fungus in poorly drained soils

**Soil:** Adaptable, well drained  
**Exposure:** Full sun  
**Water Requirements:** Low, drought-tolerant  
**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L L M M M M  
**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No  
**Description:** Somewhat lacy effect in summer, brilliant fall color. Female trees only produce berries if a male tree is nearby. An alternative fruitless male is *P.c.* 'Keith Davey'.  
**Maintenance:** Prune when young for strong central leader, to ensure strong scaffolding structure and mature rounded canopy. When mature, prune to remove deadwood and crossing branches. Do not fertilize.



24in. Box Container