

**Plant Name: Fatsia japonica (F)**  
**Common Name: Japanese aralia**

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Colour:** White in Autumn

**Height:** 4m

**Spread:** 4m

**Flowering Time:** Flowers from Jul to Sep



**Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)**

No Species data defined for this species

**Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)**

Preferred common name: Japanese aralia

Other common names: castor oil plant , fatsi , fig-leaf palm , glossy-leaved paper plant

Ultimate Height: 4m

Ultimate Spread: 4m

Time to ultimate height: 10-20 year(s)

Fatsia are evergreen shrubs with stout, sparsely branched stems bearing large, leathery, palmately lobed leaves and small white flowers in terminal compound umbels, followed by small black fruits.

F. japonica is a medium-sized evergreen shrub of open, spreading habit, with palmately-lobed leaves to 45cm in width and small white flowers in globose clusters. Fruits small, black.

**Pruning**

This group of evergreen shrubs bloom in summer and late autumn on the previous or current year's growth. They need little pruning. Prune lightly removing unsightly shoots as required in mid to late spring. Those shrubs recommended for hedges, topiary or foliage often tolerate heavier pruning.

**Pests** Can get scale insects , thrips and mealybugs .

**Diseases** May be affected by a leaf spot.

**Soil** Acid, Alkaline or Neutral. Moist but well-drained or well-drained. Chalk, Clay, Loam or Sand.

**Aspect** East, West or South facing. Sheltered.

**Propagation**

Propagate by semi-hardwood cuttings.

**Flowers:** White in Autumn.

**Fruits:** Black in Autumn.

Evergreen/Deciduous: Evergreen.

Suggested Plant Uses: Architectural, Banks and Slopes, City/Courtyard Gardens, Cottage/Informal Garden, Low Maintenance or Sub-tropical

Create a tropical look in your garden with this easy to grow evergreen shrub. Has large, hand-shaped, glossy leaves and amazing branching heads of milky-white flowers in autumn (persisting well into winter in mild regions), followed by shiny black fruits. Enjoys a sunny or semi-shaded spot and is fully hardy but would need shelter from the wind in cold regions. Is happy in a pot and is in fact often grown as a houseplant- perfect for a large conservatory!

- Hardy Shrub - will need protection from frost when very young and from wind in cold regions.
- Flowers: Autumn
- Position: Sun or semi-shade