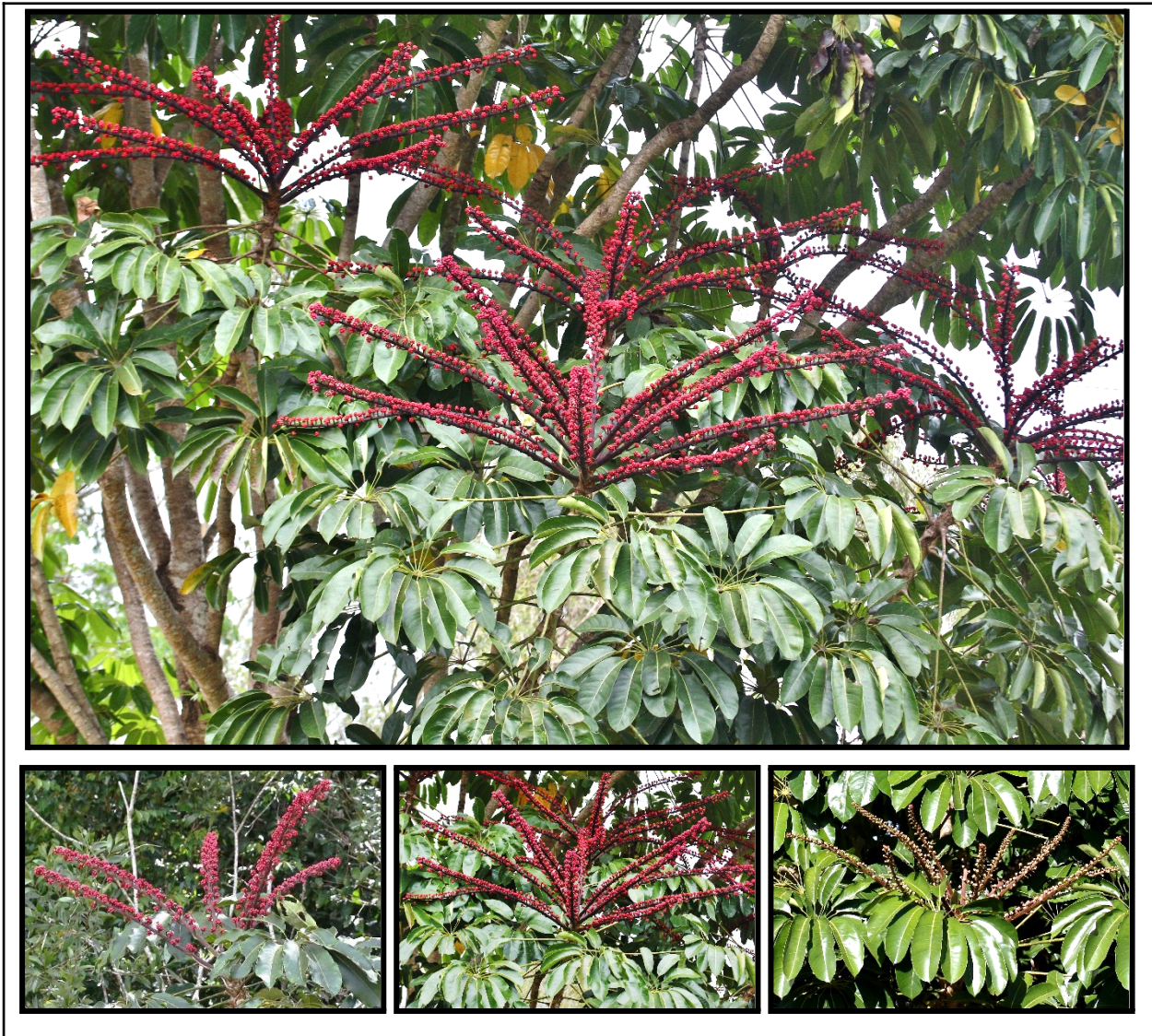


***Schefflera actinophylla* Umbrella Tree ARALIACEAE**



Typical height: 6-10m (> 24m)

Spread: Wide spreading crown

Climate: Tropical, subtropical.

Light conditions: Full sun, part shade.

Growth habit: Rapid growing shrub or tree, may be epiphytic sending roots into the soil as it grows. A vigorous root system. Multi stemmed, developing a wide spreading crown.

Growing conditions: Occurs in Cape York Peninsula, North East Queensland and Central East Queensland in rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest, and open forest, from the Torres Strait Islands to the Miriam Vale area at altitude 0-1,000m. Can be found naturalised further south into NSW. Prefers a well-drained soil, requiring little water to thrive.

Flowers: May be fragrant. Aug-Mar **Fruit:** Oct-May

Other: The fruit attracts the Musky Red Kangaroo, Pademelons, the Spectacled Flying-fox. Both fruit and the flowers attract a variety of birds. The leaves are eaten by Bennett's tree-kangaroo. A hardy fast-growing plant.

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Can be grown in containers. Due to its invasive root system, it should be distanced from building foundations, plumbing and pathways.

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