Brassia actinophylla

Botanical name: *Brassia actinophylla* **Common name:** Umbrella tree

Morphological characters:

Brassia actinophylla in latin refers to the ray-like leaves. It is one of the most populer house plants throughout the world. The palmately compound leaves are umbrella like in appearance. Plants are too big for todays small apartments. They are suited for gardens though. The plants sucker and branch out from the base. The number of branches growing



can be controlled and so the size. Flowers are in terminal infloroscence - which too is very pretty.

Growing season and type:

- 1. Umbrella Tree is a large ornamental tree.
- 2. Plants will reach 30 m tall.
- 3. Plants are easy to grow, but need some pruning to keep them in bounds.
- 4. The plants are hardy in the landscape.
- 5. Brassaia actinophylla needs full sun to partial shade with a rich well drained soil mix.
- 6. Plants are fairly fast growing.
- 7. It grows well in warm, humid climate in both semi shade and full sun.
- 8. The tree is often grown in gardens, also sultable for keeping indoors.



- 1. Flowers of Brassaia actinophylla
- 2. Leaves of Brassaia actinophylla
- 3. Brassaia actinophylla tree

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