

## Umbrella Tree

**Common name:** Octopus Tree, Queensland Umbrella Tree, Brassia

**Botanical name:** *Schefflera actinophylla*; **Family:** *Araliaceae*; **Name in Tamil: ?**



**Field identification:** Erect Shrub or small tree, up to 12m. Grows multiple trunks each topped by a crown of large showy leaves. Compound leaves form a large rosette, which gives its name, the umbrella tree. Flowers, 10-15 stalks of bright red flowers on tops of trees, each inflorescence 2 m long. Fruits are dark round berries, which replace the flowers.

**Location on campus:** Carman Block garden

### References:

1. Flowers of India available at <https://www.flowersofindia.net>
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