

POLYSCIAS SCUTELLARIA



Kingdom: Plantae
Clade: Tracheophytes
Clade: Angiosperms
Clade: Eudicots
Clade: Asterid
Order: Apiales
Family: Araliaceae
Genus: Polyscias
Species: scutellaria

- ***Polyscias scutellaria*** the **shield aralia** or **plum aralia**, is a tropical shrub or small tree reaching 2–6 meters in height. A native of eastern Malaysia and southwest Pacific islands, it is commonly grown in gardens.
 - The leaves and root can be used as an antiseptic and deodorant
 - Ancient native Indonesians have used shield aralia leaf as a bowl substitute due to its bowl-like shape and tear-resistant properties. In modern Indonesian cuisine shield aralia can be used as fancy food packaging. Shredded shield aralia has aromatic properties that can be mixed with meat or fish to conceal the odour
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- It belongs to the Araliaceae family and is popularly cultivated as an indoor ornamental plant for its attractive foliage and easy care.
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- All parts of this plant are poisonous. It will cause low toxicity of eaten. Skin irritation is minor, only lasting a few minutes. Not verigated.
- Polyscias scutellaria Fosberg (also known as Nothopanax scutellarium Merr) is one of the indigenous plants from Indonesia which has long been used as traditional medicine to treat breast inflammation, wounds, urinary tract problem, and body odor.

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