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Polyscias scutellaria

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BALFOUR ARALIA is an evergreen shrub or tree. It is native from eastern Malaysia to the western Pacific.

It is also known as Fabian aralia, Geraniumleaf aralia, Plum aralia, Shield aralia, and *Tagitagi* (Samoan).

Scutellaria is derived from Latin *scutella* (saucer, small flat dish).

South-eastern Asian experts believe that balfour aralia is viewed primarily in the region as an ornamental plant and that it fills a secondary capacity as a vegetable, source of medicine, a source of material for packing or thatching and a hedging plant.