



WAX-LEAF LIGUSTRUM, JAPANESE LIGUSTRUM

Ligustrum japonicum

The long-term and never-ending use of the Wax-Leaf Ligustrum and the demand for them year after year, speaks to the functional beauty and durability of this medium-sized evergreen tree. What are the attributes of this ever-popular landscape mainstay that account for its proven landscape performance and demand?

1. Small enough for many areas with restricted space requirements; size and shape are easy to control with regular shearing. Appeal can be equally enhanced if left to grow on its own with occasional reduction of long shooter growth.
2. Large enough to draw attention to its artistic features that are either sculpturally formed or naturally formed.
3. Tough enough to adapt to most soil types, resist most pests, capable of withstanding moderate drought and excellent in salt tolerance, except for direct salt spray.
4. Colorful enough with very dark green lustrous foliage that comes with an aromatic flower display in late spring or early summer.
5. Interesting enough when formed as a multi-trunk vase shape of sinuous branches that is topped with a dense rounded crown.
6. Versatile enough to be used as a patio tree in container or in natural soil planters, buffer strip or tall formal hedge, topiary, rock garden, seashore planting, foundation planting for large buildings, highway medians, or landscape specimens.

When you ponder the capabilities of Wax-Leaf Ligustrum for meeting the needs of multiple environmental conditions, space requirements and aesthetic appeal, you have a better understanding of what it takes to satisfy multiple landscaping needs. Wax-Leaf Ligustrum is most worthy of its use and popularity in our landscapes.



Ligustrum Multi-trunk



Ligustrum fruit



Ligustrum

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Ligustrum flowers

Native Origin: Japan and Korea

Description:

Hardy Range: 7B to 10B

Mature Height: 15' to 25' / 4.6m to 7.6m

Mature Spread: 15' to 25' / 4.6m to 7.6m

Growth Rate: 5 years to maturity, faster growth when young, slowing with age

Form: Rounded, spreading or horizontal and vase shaped

Persistence: Evergreen

Ornamental Characteristics:

Blooms appear in Spring and Summer and are white and showy with an unusual fragrance. The foliage is attractive and dark glossy green. The fruit forms in clusters of black and blue berries and is fleshy, oval, persistent, and edible by birds.

Environment:

Soil: Sandy, loamy, clay; acidic; neutral and basic alkaline soils

Salt: Medium

Exposure: Partial sun to full sun



full sun



partial shade



medium salt tolerant



urban



ornamental



flowering

