

## Laurus nobilis

### (Bayleaf)

The laurel tree is a tree famous for the pleasant smell of the leaves, which are used for cooking mainly. The tree is usually grown in containers, and can also be used as a specimen. The trees are typically multi-trunked, and can be trained to a single trunk growth form. The single trunked trees are more durable, and can hold the tree steady in the ground. These trees grow rather well in shade, and can tolerate urban conditions, and have been doing well as street trees. The pollen however, mainly from the male trees, can cause some allergy problems, while the female trees produce none



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** laurier noble

Wara'a Ghar :**Arabic Name**

**Pronunciation:** law-russ NO-bil-iss

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Mediterranean

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Edible, Street, Native to Lebanon

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Pyramidal, Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate, Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Spring

### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Spring

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Diseases:** Downey Mildew, Gray mold

**Edible Parts:** Leaf

**Pests:** Aphids, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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