

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

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

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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