

Lonicera nitida

(Box Honeysuckle)

Box honeysuckle is a small dense evergreen shrub with small leathery leaf. Small but fragrant flower appears in pain in spring followed by a bluish blackish fruit. Birds love them. Fast growing spreading plants, if kept un-pruned will get a messy habit. It is used as border plant or small hedge.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: luh-NIS-er-a NI-ti-duh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: China

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Erosion control, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite
Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible
Leaf Persistence: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: Less than 5
Leaf Shape: Ovate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False
Flower Scent: Pleasant
Flower Color: White
Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage
Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked
Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry
Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Fruit Colors: Blue, Black
Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Leaf Spots

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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