

Bucida buceras

(Black Olive)

Bucida buceras is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous, small, greenish-yellow flowers. The tree can reach 12-15 m at maturity but grows very slow. The fruit resembles to olive fruit but not edible. In fast it becomes messy when it drops the fruits as they exude a staining tannic acid material which could damage sidewalks, or cars parked below. It should be planted on a full sun places and grows very well as street, shade or specimen tree.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: bew-SYE-duh bew-SER-azz

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Tropical Asia

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Shade, Street, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Spatulate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Bark Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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