

Prunus lusitanica

(Portugal Laurel)

Cherrylaurel is a perfect plant for screen or hedges. Broadleaf evergreen large shrub can take trimming very well. Glossy leathery leaves are dark green. Fragrant white flower is pollinated by bees. Fruits are eaten by birds. Needs full sun, can tolerate drought.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Laurier du Portugal

Pronunciation: PROO-nus loo-see-TAN-ee-kuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Southern Europe, Western Europe

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9

Uses: Screen, Hedge

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, 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: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

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: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Powdery Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Leaf Miner

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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