

## Nerium oleander Dwarf

### (Oleander Dwarf)

Oleander is a wonderful easy-care, rounded or upright shrub or small tree from the Mediterranean region , with long, dark green leaves and an a single or double, sometimes fragrant flowers in shades of white, pink, red, or yellow. All parts of the plant are poisonous so care must be taken when locating Oleander near areas frequented by small children; burning of the trimmings will produce toxic fumes. Even chewing once or twice on a leaf or twig can send a person to the hospital. Growing well with only one yearly fertilization and springtime pruning, Oleander is one of the easiest shrubs to care for. Oleander survives drought well and is well-suited to growing on soil too poor for most other shrubs, even tolerating salt spray. It thrives in full sun, appearing too lanky and flowering little if planted in partial shade. The main pest can appear on the plant is the oleander caterpillar which can defoliate the plant within weeks. It is commonly planted in highway medians as a no-maintenance plant. Often trained into an attractive small tree, multi-branched Oleander also does well as a quick-growing screen or large specimen planting. Many cultivars are available single or double flowers, normal or variegated leaves, dwarf or normal sizes.

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Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Laurier nain

**Arabic Name:** دفلى قزم

**Pronunciation:** NEER-ee-um oh-lee-AN-der

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Mediterranean region

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Container, Wildlife, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

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

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** Unpleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Red, Purple, White, Pink

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Legume

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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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, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



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Bark Image



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