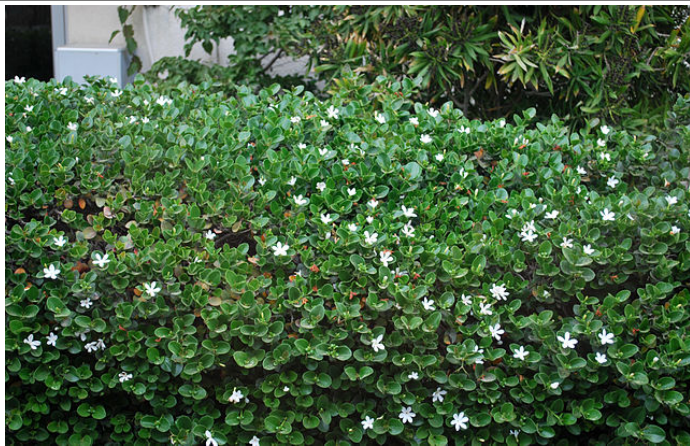


## Carissa macrocarpa 'Green Carpet'

### (Green Carpet Natal Plum)

Natal plum 'Green Carpet' is an attractive, dwarf cultivar of *Carissa macrocarpa*, often used as a ground cover.

It's an evergreen shrub, that tolerates drought and salt, that's why it can be considered as a good option for coastal areas. It has a green foliage, the leaves are thick and glossy, and the plant has Y-shaped spines on the branches. The plant has also nice white flowers that have a nice fragrance especially at night. other than its flower, natal plum has also a showy fruit, pinkish-red color, which is edible. The plant needs full sun, although it can tolerate partial shade, but this will cause some problems in growing the fruits and flowers. To be planted in well drained, sandy, neutral soil for best results.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Carisse à grands fruits

**Arabic Name:** كاريسا

**Pronunciation:** kar-ISS-uh ma-kro-KAR-pa

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Southern Africa

**Heat Zones:** 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

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

**Uses:** Hedge, Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Border Plant, Container, Ground cover

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:**

**Height at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 meter, 1 to 1.5 meters, 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Terminal Spine

**Leaf Textures:** Leathery, Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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### Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Smooth, Spines

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red, Purple

**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:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



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