

## Elaeocarpus decipiens

### (Japanese Blueberry tree)

Japanese blueberry is a slow growing broadleaf evergreen large shrub or small tree with lustrous dark green leaves which turn bright scarlet just before leaf-drop and are very eye-catching. The new leaves are bronze colored which mature to a bright green for summer. The flowers occur in late spring or early summer. The flowers are small but very fragrant and followed by dark blue-black berries that looks like olives. When they drop can be messy. Grow Japanese blueberry in a rich, fertile, well-draining neutral soil. Full sun is best for growth and flowering, but partial sun is acceptable. This slow growing but large tree is best situated in a spacious landscape as a shade tree, and with such dense foliage would be fantastic as a tall hedge or screen.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**Pronunciation:** el-lee-oh-KAR-pus de-SIP-ee-enz

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Japan

**Heat Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

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

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

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** oval

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**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

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Obovate

**Leaf Margins:** Crenate

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

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

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Intermediate Texture

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Blue

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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**Horticulture Management**

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**Tolerance**

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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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**

**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:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Bark Image



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