

Styrax japonicus

(Japanese snowbell, snowflake flower)

The Japanese snowbell, as the name might indicate, is noted for its cluster of bell-shaped white flowers which are found drooping from the stems. The bark is seen to reveal an orange inner bark which is attractive during the winter season.

This tree is in the family and related to Halesia (silverbell).



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Styrax du Japon

Arabic Name: سينورا

Pronunciation: STY-racks juh-PAWN-ih-kuss

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: China, Japan, Korea

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8

Uses: Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Shade, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, Spreading, Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m, 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters, 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: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire, Serrate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow, Orange, Red

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth, Fissured, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Grey

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

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: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Beetles

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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