

Ligustrum vulgare

(Common Privet)

Common Privet is a medium sized spreading deciduous shrub reaching maximum of 2 m with an equal width. It has simple dark leathery green leaves which turn purple at fall. The flowers are white clustered with a nice fragrance. The fruit is a black drupe stays on the plant and attracts birds. Very adaptable to any soil type, leaves on full sun or partial shade. Used mainly as a hedge as it take trimming very well, but also nice as a screen or a foundational plant. Prune after flowering. Plant common privet with caution, it is considered an invasive exotic plant in parts of the United States and prohibited by some entities. All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Troène commun, Troène d'Europe

Pronunciation: lig-GUS-trum vul-GAIR-ee

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Europe, North Africa

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8

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

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Border Plant, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Ligustrum vulgare

(Common Privet)



Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Raceme

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: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue, Black

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Ligustrum vulgare

(Common Privet)



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: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

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

Diseases: Powdery Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Other Image