

Viburnum tinus

(Laurestinus Viburnum)

This Mediterranean native plant widely planted in Lebanon. Laurustinus is a large evergreen shrub with leathery dark green leaves which are attractive year-round. Stems are strong, keeping the plant upright, even when in flower It has very decorative white clusters of fragrant flowers over a long period in late winter through spring followed by fruits than turn blue-black. The flowers attract butterflies, the berries source of food for birds. Laurustinus grows best in full sun to part shade. It also enjoys moist, organic soil and can tolerate moderate drought and salt when it’s established. This plant can be trained into a small tree or used in a shrub border, in a foundation planting, or as a screen or hedge.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Laurier-tin, Viorne tin
Pronunciation:	vye-BER-num TYE-nus
Plant Type:	Shrub
Origin:	Mediterranean
Heat Zones:	6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Hardiness Zones:	7, 8, 9, 10
Uses:	Hedge, Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Edible, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Slow
Tree Shape:	oval
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Dense
Canopy Texture:	Medium
Height at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	5 to 10 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 Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** Unpleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Umbel

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring

### Trunk

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

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

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Blue

**Seasons:** Spring

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** 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

**Pests:** Mites, Nematodes, Thrips, Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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