

Skimmia japonica

(Japanese skimmia)

Dense shrub that is grown in shady locations and is known for its evergreen leaves which are aromatic when crushed and fragrant white flowers that bloom in spring. The female plant has red fruits during the fall and persist throughout the winter. It is a good understory shrub and it attracts birds



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: SKIMM-ee-uh juh-PON-ikuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: S.E. Asia / Japan / China

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Tree Shape: Round, Spreading

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Companion Plants: rhododendrons and azaleas

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

- Frost Tolerant: Yes
- Heat Tolerant: Yes
- Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

- Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam
- Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic
- Water Requirements: Moderate
- Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

- Toxity: Yes
- Life Span: 25-50 years
- Edible Parts: None
- Plant Propagations: Cutting

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