

## Ligustrum japonicum

### (Japanese Privet, Wax-Leaf Privet)

Japanese Privet is a shrub native to eastern Asia which can grow to the size of a small tree. It has glossy evergreen leaves and small, white, unpleasant-smelling flowers. The blue-black berries persist most of the year and are popular with wildlife. It tolerates a wide variety of soil types and can withstand drought. Soil nematodes can seriously harm the tree and are particularly prevalent in sandy soil.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Troène du Japon

**Pronunciation:** lih-GUS-trum juh-PAWN-ih-kum

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Eastern Asia

**Heat Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Windbreak, Wildlife, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading, Vase

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

#### Notes

`Silver Star' has mottled leaves with white edges.

`Texanum' grows lower and denser.

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate, Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Unpleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Purple, Blue, Black

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Diseases:** Wilts

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Nematodes, Thrips

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image