

Dodonaea viscosa

(Varnish-Leaf, Hopbush)

Syn: *D. angustifolia* The Varnish-Leaf is a fast growing evergreen shrub that can grow 2-3 m tall . The shiny leaves give a nice a decorative appearance. The elliptic leaf has a coating which protects it from loosing water. The flower is yellow without true petals and appearing in a cluster. This shrub blooms in the spring and fall, and flowers on the same plant may be male, female, or perfect. The three parted seed pods have 3 or 4 rounded wings. The plant used as a specimen hedge or background plant screen. It is can also be grown in fence rows and is interesting when espaliered. It can tolerate dry sandy or rocky condition, salt spray, wind and drought condition.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: doe-DOE-nee-uh viss-KOE-suh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Florida

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Espalier, Specimen, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Spatulate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Unpleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, White

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Yellow, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

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

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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