

Styrax officinalis L.

(Storax, Snowdrop Bush)

“In Lebanon, this species has a broad natural distribution range: It can be found on the coast,in the mountains (where it grows up to 1500 meters in altitude), on dry rocky slopes, in semi-shaded woodlands, and along river beds.”*

*Trees of Lebanon, 2014, Salma Nashabe Talhouk, Mariana M. Yazbek, Khaled Sleem, Arbi J. Sarkissian, Mohammad S. Al-Zein, and Sakra Abo Eid

It has a flat-topped silhouette and slender, horizontal branches that shed their leaves in winter. Sometimes, if winter is mild, new leaves flush out before older leaves start falling.In June, the shrub produces thousands of white flower buds that hang down in clusters like snow drops, hence the common name, Snowdrop Bush.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Plant Type:	Shrub
Origin:	Southern Europe and Middle East
Heat Zones:	6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses:	Specimen, Medicinal, Native to Lebanon
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	Round
Canopy Symmetry:	Irregular
Canopy Density:	Medium
Canopy Texture:	Medium
Height at Maturity:	5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Serrulate

Leaf Textures: Hairy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Green, Yellow

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed

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