

Phillyrea angustifolia

(False Olive)

Phillyrea angustifolia or False Olive is a densely branched evergreen shrub with upright habit native to the Mediterranean basin. It has 3-4cm, elongate-lanceolate, almost linear, glossy dark green leaves. Its salt tolerant foliage is suited to exposed coastal sites. Its fragrant flowers are greenish-white, and it blooms in April-May, followed by bluish-black fruit.It is very tolerant of maritime exposure. It is used for groups or hedging, both free growing and pruned.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: fil-LY-ree-uh an-gus-tee-FOH-lee-uh
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Mediterraneae Basin
Heat Zones:
Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9
Uses: Hedge, Wildlife
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Round
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Dentate

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Purple, Blue

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Whitefly

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
