

Choisya ternata

(Mexican mock orange, Mexican orange blossom)

A broadleaf evergreen shrub that is dense and rounded. Leaves are opposite and palmately compound with 3 leaflets that are long, glossy, rounded and green; when crushed they emit a pungent odor. Flowers fragrant, white in 3-6 flowered-clusters at end of shoots. Blooms for an extended period. It prefers well-drained, acid, moist soil and is rabbit tolerant and attracts butterflies and bees

The cultivar ["Sundance"](https://landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu/plants/choisya-ternata-sundance) has golden yellow foliage and grows at a slower rate



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: CHOY-zee-uh tur-NAY-tuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Mexico, U.S. - southwest

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Border Plant, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 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: Opposite

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Palmately Compound

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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