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Common Privet

Ligustrum vulgare



Common Privet in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: European Privet

Description:

A large shrub commonly used in trimmed hedges, takes pruning exceptionally well; densely branched, interesting flowers (if not pruned) followed by black berries in fall; easy to grow, handles polluted city conditions well



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Ornamental Features

Common Privet has panicles of lightly-scented white flowers hanging below the branches from late spring to early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Common Privet is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Common Privet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening

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Planting & Growing

Common Privet will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

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