

Botanical Name: Osmanthus heterophyllus (O. ilicifolius)

Common Name: Holly-leaf osmanthus

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very erect, stiffly branched, forms a dense, pyramidal to  
nearly rounded canopy

Height 4-8' Spread 3-6' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil-- including heavy clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 3-10, 13-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oval to elliptic, 1 to 2-1/2" long,  
toothed, leathery

Flowers small white flowers in racemes -- fragrant, fall to early  
spring

Fruit bluish drupe, 1/2" long

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: small-medium filler - barrier, hedge, background plant;  
very useful in heavy clay soils

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular -- tolerates some drought when established

Fertilizing balanced -- as needed

Pruning to shape desired -- best if selectively tipped back

Pests/Diseases scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Oleaceae