

Botanical Name: Myrtus communis 'Variegata'

Common Name: Variegated common myrtle

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, upright to spreading branches, forms a full,  
rounded to oval canopy

Height 5-10' Spread 3/4 to equal Growth Rate mod./rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full/partial sun

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24); best in sunny, warm locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-ovate, 1/2" long, bright  
green with white margins, aromatic when crushed

Flowers creamy white, 3/4" across, many stamened, fragrant, both  
terminal and axillary -- spring

Fruit blue black berry, 1/2" long--does not come true from seed

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent hedge plant or topiary because of dense form and  
small leaves -- large filler, screens, slope plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak -- avoid excessive watering

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning to shape desired anytime

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Europe Family: Myrtaceae