

Botanical Name: Ligustrum lucidum

Common Name: Glossy privet

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub **Character** evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a mostly erect plant, either single or multi-trunked; forms
a full rounded canopy; bark is a light grayish tan on older branches and trunk

Height 10-20' (25') **Spread** 2/3 to equal **Growth Rate** rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; can tolerate shaded locations

Soil tolerates most, including clay and alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,12-24); tolerates heat and wind; durable

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate-lanceolate; 2-5" long, dark
green and glossy above, paler beneath, leathery; petioles 1/4-1/2" long

Flowers white, tiny, aggregated in 4-8" long terminal panicles;
spring-summer

Fruit a drupe: 1/4" diameter, oval, black when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: has variable usages; can be developed into a small accent
tree; suitable as a small patio tree for shade; can be trained as topiary;
plant is often used as a large background hedge around older homes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional soaking; plant is very drought-tolerant after
established; can tolerate lawn watering if the drainage is good

Fertilizing little is needed except where heavily watered

Pruning to shape desired at anytime; head high; can be sheared

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Japan **Family:** Oleaceae