

Botanical Name: Pittosporum tobira

Common Name: Mock orange, Japanese tobira

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, full, dense and rounded canopy with woody branches;
often becomes tree-like with age

Height 8-15' (30') Spread 10-15' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil best in well draining, tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate or whorled, oblong-obovate, revolute
margins, dark green, 2-4" long

Flowers creamy white, 1/2" across, fragrant in mostly terminal
panicles -- March through July

Fruit tan, round capsule, 1/2-3/4" across, sticky seeds

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: filler or hedge material, topiary (standard form), large
background mass, small tree, good for flower scent in spring

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers occasional deep soak; tolerates regular watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring, plus iron

Pruning to shape desired anytime; for best flowering, head back after
blooming has finished

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold, powdery mildew, scale, chlorosis

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan and China Family: Pittosporaceae