

Botanical Name: Ligustrum japonicum 'Silver Star'

Common Name: Variegated wax-leaf privet

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, densely branched forming a full, rounded canopy

Height 5-10' Spread 5-10' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full/partial sun

Soil tolerates most any soil including alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); tolerates desert heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-oval, 2-4" long, gray-green

With white margins

Flowers white, 1/4", crowded panicles, terminal--April through June

strong, somewhat unpleasant scent

Fruit 1/8" diameter black/blue drupe

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: filler for dark, glossy green foliage, excellent hedge

sheared or informal, topiary, container plant, background mass

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- become drought tolerant after established in

partial sun areas

Fertilizing balanced in spring, plus iron

Pruning to shape desired, if flowers desired, prune after bloom

Pests/Diseases scale, Texas root rot

Special Conditions prune out any branches as they revert to all green

Origin: Japan Family: Oleaceae