

Botanical Name: Viburnum tinus

Common Name: Laurustinus

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very erect, forms a narrow oval to pyramidal canopy;

smaller branches somewhat hairy

Height 6-10' (12') Spread 4-6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-10, 12-23)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate-oblong, 2-3" long, dark green,

margins sometimes tinged red, undulate, leathery

Flowers pinkish white, bell-shaped, 1/4" across, tight, flattened,

cymes, mostly terminal, fragrant -- Nov.-April

Fruit metallic blue drupe, 1/4" long

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent hedge or screen material, useful for topiary,

container plant, large scale filler for its flowers, can become a narrow,

small tree

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular; tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning to shape desired--can be sheared

Pests/Diseases aphids, scale, powdery mildew (problem near coast)

Special Conditions avoid using sulfur sprays on Viburnums

Origin: Europe Family: Caprifoliaceae