

Botanical Name: Carissa macrocarpa 'Boxwood Beauty'

Common Name: Dwarf Natal plum

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, compact plant w/closely set leaves, stiff branches
and no thorns

Height 2' Spread 2' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half-shade to full sun

Soil prefers a well-drained, moist soil

Hardiness tender (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, opposite to 1" long, 3/4" wide, very closely set
on branches -- no spines

Flowers small, 1/2" white, star-shaped flowers year round

Fruit red drupe 3/4" long, olive-shaped

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: good as a low, clipped hedge or formal plantings, can be
used as a shrubby groundcover or facer

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering in a well-drained soil

Fertilizing balanced in spring or summer

Pruning can be sheared or shaped as desired

Pests/Diseases scale, aphids, mealybug, spider mites

Special Conditions

Origin: (probably hybrid) Africa Family: Apocynaceae