

Botanical Name: Murraya paniculata

Common Name: Orange jessamine

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub      Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright to spreading, loosely branched to form a somewhat open, rounded to irregular canopy -- smaller branches somewhat pendulous; older stems a grayish white

Height 5-10' (15')      Spread equal +      Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors      partial sun or shade--avoid reflected heat

Soil rich, moist loam

Hardiness best near coast (zones 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves odd-pinnately compound, alternate, 2-10" long, leaflets oval-elliptic-rhombic, 1-2" long, shiny, bright green, 3-4 leaflets

Flowers white, bell shaped, 1/2-3/4" across, loose round panicles, fragrant; summer, fall, sometimes spring

Fruit berry, oval, pointed, red, 1/4-1/2" long

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: medium-large filler or background shrub for its loose canopy and glossy foliage -- informal hedges or screens -- espalier -- can be trained into a small tree

Landscape Care:

Watering regular, not drought tolerant, needs ample water

Fertilizing balanced in spring, iron for chlorosis in alkaline soil

Pruning to shape desired -- best if selectively pruned; don't shear

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: India      Family: Rutaceae