

Botanical Name: Carissa macrocarpa 'Tuttle'

Common Name: Tuttle Natal plum

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, densely branched, spreading habit -- forms a mounded canopy small thorns along branches

Height 2-4' Spread equal + Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial

Soil prefers well draining loam, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 12,13, 16-24); best near coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oval/nearly round, 3/4 to 1-1/2" long, dark green, leathery

Flowers white, star shaped, solitary, terminal/axillary, 1" wide

Fruit edible - plum red, oval, 1/2-3/4" long berry

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: facier/low filler - dark green foliage, white flowers, large scale ground cover -- borders, hedges

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- tolerates occasional

Fertilizing balanced -- twice annually

Pruning little needed; can be sheared if desired

Pests/Diseases scale, spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: cultivar - South Africa Family: Apocynaceae