

Botanical Name: Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Silver Sheen'

Common Name: Silver Sheen pittosporum

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Pittosporaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape loosely constructed, fine-textured plant with small, round
green-gray foliage and shiny black stems

Height 12-15' Spread 6-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; tolerates clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 9, 14-17, 19-24); hardy to 20°F

Morphology:

Leaves rounded, sparsely arranged leaves to 1/4" in diameter;
silvery green color

Flowers tiny very dark red flowers to 1/4" in diameter; occasionally
seen in spring

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings or tissue culture; difficult

Usage: used for foliage color and form; as a background plant,
screen or hedge material, or for an accent used for its silvery foliage against
a contrasting background

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering; not especially drought-tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release at planting; balanced in early spring

Pruning pinch or shear lightly to encourage denser form

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other many new cultivars of P. tenuifolium are being developed

Origin: New Zealand