

Botanical Name: Fortunella margarita

Common Name: Nagami kumquat

Type of Plant: dicot: sm tree or shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, mostly single-trunked plant, with ascending
and spreading branches forming a full oval or rounded canopy; the branchlets
usually lack thorns

Height 8' - 15' (25') Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred for best flower and fruit production;
tolerates partial sun at inland locations

Soil tolerates most except poorly draining clay

Hardiness hardy to 20 degrees F (zones 18-20): most hardy of the
locally-grown citrus

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-broadly lanceolate; bright green,
2"-3" long, with a rather blunt apex; the petiole is only slightly margined

Flowers white, solitary or in small clusters, very fragrant;
April - June

Fruit a hesperidium: oval, shiny, bright orange, 3/4"-1" long;
edible rind and tart flesh

Propagation: budding or grafting

Usage: valued as a small accent tree for its highly ornamental
fruit and compact form; suitable for use as tub plant - fits sub-tropical,
Spanish-theme landscape styles

Landscape Care:

Watering a frequent deep soaking (every 10-14 days in summer)
preferred; plant can tolerate some drought

Fertilizing balanced, plus iron, at least twice a year

Pruning little is needed; the plant can be developed into a small
'standard' or loose topiary

Pests/Diseases aphids, sooty mold, scale

Special Conditions one of the best fruit trees for ornamental usage

Origin: East Asia Family: Rutaceae