

Botanical Name: Carissa macrocarpa 'Fancy'

Common Name: Natal plum

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, densely rounded with sturdy, stiff branches,
thorns form Y shape at nodes

Height 5-8' Spread 5-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial (less bloom in shade)

Soil prefers well draining loam soils, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, shiny/leathery, dark green, 1-3" long

Flowers white, solitary, star-shaped, 1-2" wide, slightly fragrant
late spring/summer

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

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: informal or shear-cut hedge, large filler, barrier,
topiary filler plant -- often used in mass plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- needs good drainage

Fertilizing balanced in spring and late summer

Pruning to desired shape; shear cut or head back/thin periodically

Pests/Diseases spider mite, soft brown scale, mealybug

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Apocynaceae