

Botanical Name: Myrtus communis

Common Name: Common myrtle

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape full, rounded, very dense, many branched, oval, upright
shaped plant; can reach tree-like proportions

Height 5' - 6' (15') Spread 2/3 - equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial

Soil needs well draining soil (tip chlorosis will result)

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24); to 0° F

Morphology:

Leaves glossy, bright green, pointed, 2" long - aromatic when
crushed - lemon-like scent

Flowers creamy white, 1/2 - 3/4" diameter, many fuzzy stamens -
late spring, summer

Fruit berry, bluish-black, 1/2"

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: formal/informal hedge, screen - can be sheared - classic
hedge plant; can be pruned into a small tree

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers dry soil with occasional watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning shear or prune to shape desired - let bloom, then head back

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Southern Europe Family: Myrtaceae