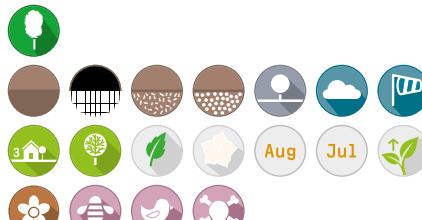


Ligustrum japonicum



Height	1-2 (4) m
Width	1-2m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs grey-brown, bark grey, almost smooth
Leaf	evergreen, broad ovate to elongated, 4-8 cm long, glossy dark green
Flowers	creamy white, in panicles up to 16 cm long, July-August
Fruits	berry-shaped, dull purplish black
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	any, if well-drained
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardness zone	8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good, protect against dry, cold wind
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Fauna tree	can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree

Ligustrum japonicum is a medium-sized, well-branching, bushy shrub. Does not usually grow much taller than 2 m in culture, but can grow more than 4 m high and wide in its natural habitat. The twigs and bark are unspectacular. An important difference from the somewhat similar *L. japonicum*, *L. lucidum*, is that the young shoots of *L. japonicum* are finely hairy, whereas in *L. lucidum* they are always bare. The shiny dark green leaves are always opposite each other. The leaves are thick and leathery. In July and August, panicles appear with small creamy-white flowers, which are well-flowed by bees. The tree usually flowers profusely. Flowering is often followed by dull purple-black berries, often the berries are slightly curved or flattened.

L. japonicum is a very useful evergreen shrub that does well in parks, gardens and cemeteries. Its evergreen leaves tolerate cold, drying winds poorly in winter. Preferably plant the tree in a slightly sheltered, sunny spot.