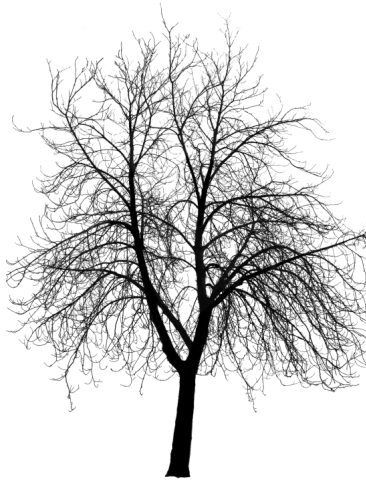




Ligustrum vulgare



Height	3-5 m
Width	2-5m
Crown	dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, flowers in June-July
Fruits	black
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, small gardens, patio gardens

Common privet is a medium-sized, vase-shaped shrub branching from the base. This species, because of its basal branching, almost never grows into a small tree. It is a variable species, with plants sometimes deciduous and sometimes semi-evergreen. Of course, this partly depends on frost periods. Leaf shape and size is also variable. Around midsummer, the white flowers open in dense panicles. The flowers have a woefully sweet fragrance and are highly favoured by bees. They are followed by glossy black berries. Rarely the berries are dark green or yellow. *L. vulgare* is the only species native to the Netherlands. The shrub grows in the Zeeland, South Holland and North Holland dunes, preferably on calcareous sandy soil. It is a very versatile species. Because of its good branching and the fact that the plants tolerate pruning very well, it is a popular hedge plant. *L. vulgare* is also very suitable as a filler shrub and in greenbelts.