



## Ligustrum vulgare



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