Laurustinus

Viburnum tinus



Laurustinus
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Laurustinus Viburnum, Laurestine

Description:

An attractive evergreen shrub, producing white clusters of flowers over a long period from mid-fall until spring, followed by fruits in summer that turn deep blue-black; can tolerate more shade than most viburnums

Ornamental Features

Laurustinus features showy cymes of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from mid fall to mid spring. The black fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters in mid summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The large pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.



Laurustinus flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Laurustinus is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Laurustinus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Laurustinus will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.