Wimbish Privet

Ligustrum sinense 'Wimbish'



Wimbish Privet foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Wimbei Privet

Description:

An upright, columnar semi-evergreen shrub with small, boxwood-like, dark green foliage that is dense along the branches; white flowers in summer followed by dark blue-black berries; wonderful for borders, screens and mass plantings

Ornamental Features

Wimbish Privet is bathed in stunning panicles of white flowers at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The small glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces navy blue berries from late summer to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Wimbish Privet is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wimbish Privet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Wimbish Privet will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.