Etna English Laurel

Prunus laurocerasus 'Anbri'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Cherry Laurel, Common Laurel

Description:

Striking copper-orange new growth contrasts the existing dark green foliage in spring; produces showy, fragrant, erect white spike flowers, followed by black fruit; makes a stunning hedge or accent plant, takes pruning very well



Etna English Laurel flowers
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Ornamental Features

Etna English Laurel features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer.



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Landscape Attributes

Etna English Laurel is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Etna English Laurel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Etna English Laurel will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, 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.



Etna English Laurel foliage
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