Mayten Tree

Maytenus boaria

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A very attractive evergreen tree that features a rounded crown and gracefully weeping branches of small, bright green foliage; a great substitute for a weeping willow; may drop leaves in cold weather, but recovers quickly; a perfect landscape feature tree



Mayten Tree
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Mayten Tree has light green foliage with hints of grayish green on a tree with a weeping habit of growth. The small serrated pointy leaves remain light green throughout the winter. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Mayten Tree is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Mayten Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Mayten Tree foliage
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Planting & Growing

Mayten Tree will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.