Little Ollie® Dwarf Olive (tree form)

Olea europaea 'Montra'



Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) (topiary form)
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: European Olive

Description:

A dwarf, non-fruiting small tree with a graceful, dense habit; flowers are inconspicuous, grown for foliage; An attractive accent, as a single trunk tree for a small area; heat, drought, and salt tolerant

Ornamental Features

Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) has dark green foliage with grayish green undersides which emerges chartreuse in spring on a plant with a distinctive lollipop-like form. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) is an evergreen shrub, selected and trained to grow in a small tree-like form with the primary plant grafted high atop a standard. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 to a ripe old age of 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage shrub for future generations!

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Little Ollie Dwarf Olive (tree form) makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.