



Swan Hill Olive

Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Description:

This attractive, low-fruiting variety has a graceful, rounded habit, featuring narrow, gray-green foliage that gives it an airy texture; sterile white flowers in spring; an exciting ornamental plant that will become a beautiful accent tree or screen

Ornamental Features

Swan Hill Olive is bathed in stunning fragrant white flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has attractive grayish green foliage with gray undersides and tinges of silver. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Swan Hill Olive is an evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Swan Hill Olive is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting



Swan Hill Olive
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Swan Hill Olive foliage
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Planting & Growing

Swan Hill Olive will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 tree for future generations!

This tree 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 is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Swan Hill Olive is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.