












Prunus lusitanica

PORTUGUESE LAUREL TREE

Tree	
Description	<p>This is a very hardy evergreen shrub or small tree. Its dense habit lends itself well to hedging and screening and as it responds well to pruning, it is even ideal as a large standard. Bark is blackish-brown and the leaves are glossy, dark green and oval in shape, with new growth being lime green in colour. Small white flower heads decorate the tree in spring followed by cherry-like fruits which are green or reddish green at first, and turn dark purple or black as they ripen in late summer or early autumn.</p>
Foliage	 Evergreen
Form	 Round
Mature Size	5 x 3m
Uses	Prunus lusitanica can be used effectively as a layered backdrop to smaller trees and plants. Clipped, it makes a suitable hedge or screen.
Position & Soil	Prefers a well drained, moist soil in a sunny or partly shady position but will tolerate dry periods once established. Takes well to pruning.
Features	<div>  Small  Evergreen  Round  Coastal  Feature Flower  Formal Screening  Hedging </div>
Pot sizes in production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40cm/27L (0.9-1.2m) • 50cm/52L (1.2-1.4m)

Substitutes

- *Acmena* (syn. *Syzygium*) *smithii* 'BWNFIR' FirescreenTM
- *Arbutus unedo*
- *Cupressocyparis leylandii* 'Castlewellan Gold'
- *Cupressocyparis leylandii* 'Leightons Green'
- *Ficus microcarpa hillii*
- *Ficus microcarpa hillii* 'Flash'
- *Luma apiculata*
- *Magnolia* (syn. *Michelia*) *figo*
- *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Exmouth'
- *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Kay Parris'
- *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem'
- *Magnolia grandiflora* 'St Mary's'
- *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Teddy Bear'TM
- *Photinia glabra* 'Rubens'
- *Photinia robusta*
- *Pittosporum eugenioides* 'Variegatum'
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Silver Sheen'
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Silver Song'
- *Syzygium australe* 'AATS' PinnacleTM
- *Syzygium australe* 'Hinterland Gold'
- *Syzygium australe* 'ST1' Opal Maze
- *Syzygium australe* 'ST2'
- *Syzygium australe* 'Select Form'
- *Thuja plicata fastigiata*
- *Viburnum odoratissimum* 'Awabuki'
- *Viburnum tinus*
- *Waterhousea floribunda* 'ST1' Whisper (syn. *Syzygium*)

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