

PITTOSPORUM TOBIRA



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Pittosporum tobira, commonly known as Japanese Pittosporum or Mock Orange, is an evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the Pittosporaceae family. It has a highly attractive texture with its leathery, glossy, dark green leaves that are slightly rolled inward at the edges.



The species is native to East Asia, particularly the coastal regions of Japan, China, and Korea. Thanks to its high resistance to sea salt and wind, it has become an indispensable landscape plant in coastal areas around the world. In spring, it produces small, cream-colored flowers that emit a captivating fragrance reminiscent of orange blossoms.

Cultivation and Uses

Pittosporum tobira can adapt to a wide range of light conditions, from full sun to full shade. It is preferred due to its drought tolerance and minimal maintenance requirements. To maintain its form, it requires pruning; with regular pruning, it develops a denser and more compact structure.



In landscaping, it is commonly used as a hedge plant, windbreak, or roadside planting. Its resistance to air pollution makes it ideal for urban landscapes. In addition, the variegated form, known as 'Variegatum,' with its white-and-green leaves, is frequently used to create color contrast in gardens. Thanks to its compact growth habit, it can also be successfully grown in containers and on terraces.