

LIGUSTRUM LUCIDUM



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Ligustrum lucidum, commonly known as Glossy Privet, is a small evergreen tree belonging to the Oleaceae family. It takes its name from its leathery, glossy dark green leaves that reflect light. The white, cluster-shaped flowers that bloom in summer are highly fragrant.



The species is native to East Asia, particularly China and Korea. Thanks to its rapid growth rate and exceptional ability to adapt to a wide range of environmental conditions—including cold, heat, and air pollution—it has become one of the most widely used urban plants worldwide. Its non-deciduous leaves provide a lush, green appearance throughout the year.

Cultivation and Uses

Ligustrum lucidum can grow in all types of light conditions, from full sun to shade. It is not selective about soil type and is highly tolerant of drought. It is one of the plants that responds best to pruning, allowing it to be shaped into virtually any form. It is easily propagated by cuttings.



In landscaping, it is commonly used to create tall hedges, noise barriers, and windbreaks. Its resistance to vehicle exhaust fumes and dust makes it indispensable for roadsides and median strips in urban areas. The clustered purple-black fruits that form after flowering provide an important food source for birds but are not suitable for human consumption. When trained and pruned, it can also be grown as a small umbrella-shaped tree on a single trunk.