Spinoza Mock Privet

Phillyrea latifolia 'Spinoza'



Spinoza Mock Privet
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

This large shrub is excellent for screening and can be shaped into a hedge; shiny evergreen foliage contrasts clusters of fragrant white flowers in spring; trimming is best carried out in early spring

Ornamental Features

Spinoza Mock Privet features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces navy blue berries from mid summer to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Spinoza Mock Privet is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spinoza Mock Privet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Spinoza Mock Privet will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.