# Variegated Chinese Privet

***Ligustrum sinense 'Variegatum'***



*Variegated Chinese Privet foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: syn. Ligustrum sinensis Variegata

**Description:**

An outstanding variety producing dense variegated foliage that is slate green with white margins; color is best in full sun; a wonderful color addition for borders, screens; makes a distinctive hedge



*Variegated Chinese Privet flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Variegated Chinese Privet has grayish green foliage edged in white on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves remain grayish green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Variegated Chinese Privet is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Chinese Privet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

## Planting & Growing

Variegated Chinese Privet will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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.