Swift Creek Privet

Ligustrum sinense 'Swift Creek'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Chinese Privet

Description:

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



Swift Creek Privet flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Swift Creek Privet has olive green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of grayish green on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves remain olive green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Swift Creek 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.

Swift Creek Privet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Swift Creek Privet foliage
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Planting & Growing

Swift Creek Privet will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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.