

Myrtus communis

True Myrtle



PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant Type:	Evergreen shrub
Height / Width:	5-6 ft. H x 4-5 ft. W (Up to 15 ft. x 20 ft. in old age)
Plant Form:	Rounded
Flower / Fruit:	White, sweet-scented ¾-in. flowers in summer followed by bluish black ½-in. berries
Leaf Color, Size:	Glossy bright green, pointed, 2-in.-long, pleasantly aromatic when brushed or bruised
Native To:	Mediterranean region

GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Sunset Zones:	8–24
Soil:	Any soil with good drainage
Water:	Little to moderate
Sun:	Full sun or partial shade
Care/Pruning:	Selective pruning or no pruning

GARDEN USE

Informal hedge or screen
As specimen shrub, can be pruned
to reveal limbs
Formal hedges and topiary

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Celebration and Display