

Magellan's Mayten



Magellan's Mayten *Maytenus magellanica*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Hard Log Mayten

Description:

An attractive evergreen shrub or small tree that features upright branches of leathery dark green foliage; tiny, fragrant burgundy flowers are attractive when massed; a nice border or landscape accent

Ornamental Features

Magellan's Mayten has masses of beautiful clusters of fragrant burgundy flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has green foliage with grayish green undersides and tinges of chartreuse. The small serrated pointy leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Magellan's Mayten is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Magellan's Mayten is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Magellan's Mayten will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



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This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.