



Species: *Prunus laurocerasus*

(pree'nus lor-o-ser-ray'sus)

Common Cherrylaurel; English Laurel

Cultivar Information

There are several cultivars available for this species. Many varieties are unavailable outside of the United Kingdom/Europe.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 10' - 18' (spread 25' - 30')

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: wide-spreading, dense

Ornamental Other: Sweet smelling, white bottlebrush flowers in early spring.

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 6a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to neutral soil (pH 5.0 to 7.4)

Environmental Other: Full sun or shade (best in part- to full- shade). Protect from full sun and wind in winter.

Insect Disease

adequate drainage is needed to prevent insect damage; susceptible to brown rot fungus, white flies, borers

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to southeastern Europe and Asia Minor; transplant B&B or from container; useful in hedges, screens, massing

Cultivars for *Prunus laurocerasus*Showing **1-10** of **10** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Otto Luyken	'Otto Luyken' - compact habit; abundant flowers
Schipkaensis	'Schipkaensis' - taller upright form
Mt. Vernon	'Mt. Vernon' - dwarf form, grows slowly and densely; larger leaves; grows to 3' tall
Compacta	'Compacta' - compact form; grows to 4 - 8' tall and wide
Marbled Dragon	'Marbled Dragon' - slow growing; variable and unstable variegation marbled gray or white
Nana	'Nana' - dwarf, spreading form; slow growing to 4 - 6' tall; glossy dark green leaves
Chestnut Hill	'Chestnut Hill' - compact selection; grows to 3-4' tall and wide
Castlewellan	'Castlewellan' - white marbled foliage; grows to 12' high and wide
Camelliifolia	'Camelliifolia' - vigorous; curled leaves; large, densely branching shrub; grows to 13' high and wide
Majestic Jade	'Majestic Jade' (a.k.a. 'Schipka') - large, rounded to vase-shaped form; moderate growth rate; 6 - 8' tall x 5 - 6' wide

Photos



Prunus laurocerasus - Leaf Underside



Prunus laurocerasus - Leaves



Prunus laurocerasus - Habit



Prunus laurocerasus - Habit



Prunus laurocerasus - Habit, Flowers



Prunus laurocerasus - Bud



Prunus laurocerasus - Habit



Prunus laurocerasus - Bark



Prunus laurocerasus - Fruit