PLANT FACT SHEET

Ligustrum japonicum Thunb.

GENUS *Ligustrum* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese privet, Wax-leaf privet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds - drink

The leafy shoots are eaten.
The seeds are roasted and made into a coffee like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A compact evergreen shrub. It grows 3 m tall and spreads 2.4 m wide. The leaves are olive-green and shiny. They are 5-8 cm long. The leaf stalk is 6 mm long. The flowers occur in large clusters. They are trumpet shaped and white. They are fragrant.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs regular moisture and a well-drained soil. But it can grow in poor and dry soils. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They can also be grown from cuttings or by grafting.

NOTES

There are about 50 Ligustrum species. Leaves contain the glucoside syringin. It can be invasive.
It has antioxidant properties.

PICTURES



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