Chinese Evergreen Oak

Quercus myrsinifolia



Chinese Evergreen Oak
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Height: 35 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Bamboo-leaf Oak

Group/Class: Ring-cupped Oak

Description:

A medium sized evergreen tree that takes on a dense, shrubby form, or can be a short trunked tree with a rounded canopy; foliage is narrow, dark green and glossy; suitable as a windbreak or screen, making it valuable in urban and garden settings

Ornamental Features

Chinese Evergreen Oak has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Evergreen Oak is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a shapely oval form. 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.



Chinese Evergreen Oak foliage
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This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Chinese Evergreen Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Chinese Evergreen Oak will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.