




# OLEA EUROPAEA (FRUITLESS)

## Fruitless Olive

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to N. Mediterranean

### Why we love it...

Olive trees have been grown for so long that it's unclear exactly where they originally came from. They are generally associated with the Mediterranean region, where they have been in cultivation for more than 5000 years!

The most distinctive feature of an olive tree is its smooth grey trunk that becomes gnarled and knotted with age, endowing each tree with unique character and a picturesque silhouette. The olive's evergreen, silvery foliage creates a finely textured, cloud-shaped canopy, casting deep to filtered shade throughout the long life of the tree. This fruitless, disease-resistant variety produces little to no pollen. It is accepted for use by the City of Tucson and most neighborhood associations.



**Lydia says:** Though fruiting is extremely rare, 'Swan Hill' can occasionally produce small shriveled olives that fall from the tree without maturing into messy fruit.

### Evergreen Tree: *Olea europaea (Fruitless)*

**Size (H x W):** 25-30 feet x 25 feet

**Blooms:** No flowers

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 15° F, USDA Zone 8

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** Winter

**Growth Rate:** Moderate to slow



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