




MYRTUS COMMUNIS

True Myrtle

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to Mediterranean

Why we love it...

This hardy evergreen shrub has been highly valued by many cultures and cultivated for centuries. It takes very well to heavy shearing, and is often used to create a tall clipped hedge or topiary. If left unclipped, it develops into a dense, rounded shrub that is useful in foundations and borders, and it also has an attractive branching pattern when shaped into a patio-sized tree.

True Myrtle's small white starburst flowers and its glossy, dark-green foliage are both highly aromatic, and it has blueberry-like fruit that is edible, but not sweet. Once established, this shrub is very drought tolerant, and its maintenance requirements are remarkably low.



Lydia says: True Myrtle needs well-drained soil, as the leaves will become yellow, or chlorotic, if this plant has to sit in water for too long.

Evergreen Shrub: *Myrtus communis*

Size (H x W): 6-8 feet x 4-6 feet

Blooms: Fragrant white flowers from spring through summer

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 18° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter to early spring

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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