

Common Privet

Genus/species	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
Family	Oleaceae
Distribution	Southeastern US Central Florida northward to northern New Jersey New Jersey southwestward to central Oklahoma Oklahoma and E Texas eastward to Florida Cultivated throughout warmer areas of US, including West Coast

Comments There are several species of Privet that are cultivated as ornamentals, and some have become naturalized. It is usually a shrub but occasionally becomes a small tree. The small waxy entire leaves are opposite and generally evergreen. The strongly-scented small white flowers are produced in panicles at the end of the twigs usually in spring and early summer, and they are attractive to bees. They eventually produce small bluish-black fruit (less than a quarter inch in length) that are sometimes eaten by birds.

