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Skinny Skip ® Cherry Laurel

Prunus laurocerasus 'Mariblon'



Skinny Skip Cherry Laurel foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: English Laurel, Common Laurel

Description:

This handsome variety is known for its erect, columnar habit, needing only light pruning; flowers and fruit are not very abundant; dense dark green foliage on strong branches makes this one a great choice for narrow hedges or screens

Ornamental Features

Skinny Skip Cherry Laurel has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring on a plant with a columnar habit of growth. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features subtle racemes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring.



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Landscape Attributes

Skinny Skip Cherry Laurel is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Skinny Skip Cherry Laurel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

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Planting & Growing

Skinny Skip Cherry Laurel will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.