

Japanese Blueberry

elaecarpus decipiens



Elaeocarpus grown in pot

The captivating beauty of the *Elaeocarpus* is this medium-sized evergreen tree's unique foliage and dense multiple branching habit that results from shearing. New emerging foliage is tinged orange-red that turns to emerald green then to dark lustrous green. Mature foliage turns orangered to bright red before leaf drop during the growing season, and during the fall and winter months mature leaves turn bright red in greater numbers before dropping. Contrasting color is always present to captivate your attention.

Landscape uses are abundant for this uniquely pleasing, versatile tree. Growth habit will be moderately open and oval to rounded in form if left alone to grow naturally. If shearing is maintained, very dense foliage offers a formal appearance that can be sculptured into whatever form is desired. Presentations can be full to the ground formal specimens, clear trunk specimens, ten to fifteen foot tall screens or five-foot tall border plantings.



Elaeocarpus Fruit



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Elaeocarpus in the landscape

Common Names:

Japanese Blueberry,
Elaeocarpus

Native Origin :

South Japan, South
China and warmer areas
of South Korea

Environment:

Soil: loam, moist, well-
drained

Exposure: partial sun to
full sun

Description:

Hardy Range: 9A - 11

Mature Height: 40 - 60'

Mature Spread: 40 - 60'

Growth Rate: moderate

Form : rounded

Persistence : evergreen

Ornamental Characteristics:

Beautiful all year round, the dense foliage on this tree begins a fiery reddish-orange, changing to emerald green and finally to a dark green as it reaches maturity. In Spring, the Japanese Blueberry produces inconspicuous white flowers that give way to small dark blue fruits that are attractive to wildlife, especially birds.



Full Sun



Partial Shade



High wetness
tolerance



Urban



Evergreen