Japanese Blueberry

elaeocarpus decipiens



Elaeocarpus grown in pot

The captivating beauty of the Elaeocarpus is this mediumsized 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

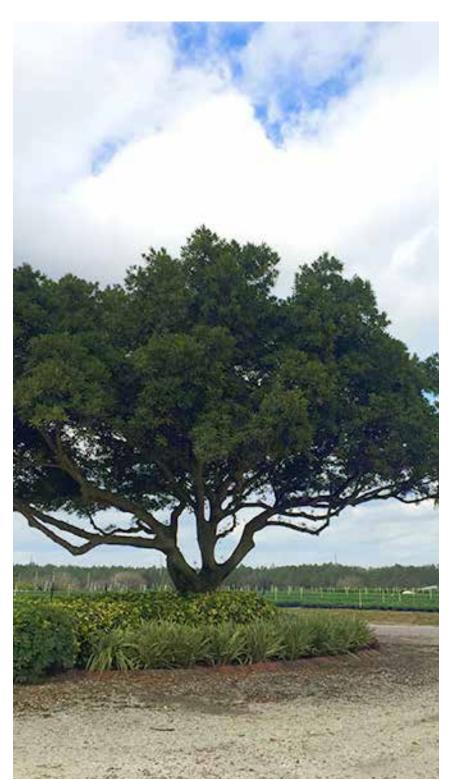


Japanese Blueberry foliage



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Common Names:

Japanese Blueberry, Elaeocarpus

Environment:

Soil: loam, moist, welldrained

Exposure: partial sun to

full sun

Native Origin:

South Japan, South China and warmer areas of South Korea

Description:

Hardy Range: 9A - 11 Mature Height: 40 - 60' Mature Spread: 40 - 60' Growth Rate: moderate

Form: rounded

Persistance: 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.





Partial Shade



High wetness tolerance





Evergreen

