

Pittosporum

Pittosporum (*Pittosporaceae*)



heterophyllum

Origin: China. Evergreen shrub with dense bushy habit and upright branches which are slightly slanting at the tips. Obovate leaves, 3-6cm long, 1-2cm wide, glossy dark green on the upper side, paler underneath. Small creamy-white flowers grouped in clusters from April to June. Adapts to all types of soil providing it is well drained, withstands pruning as long as it not too hard. This is the Pittosporum which is most resistant to the cold. Forms excellent hedges and grows very well in containers.

heterophyllum "Variegatum"

Same as heterophyllum, but leaves have creamy-yellow edges.



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tenuifolium

Origin: New Zealand. Large bushy shrub with dark grey or black branches and elliptical- obovate evergreen leaves, 5-6 cm long, with undulate margins, glossy green. In late spring, bell-like flowers, black or red, smelling of honey, followed by dark grey fruits. For groups, low hedges, pots and troughs.

tenuifolium "Garnettii"

Evergreen shrub, roundish, conical shape, dense and compact. Undulate leaves, 4-6cm long, pale green with creamy-white margins turning different shades of pink according to the winter temperature. Suitable for group planting or hedges which do not need trimming. Excellent for containers and pots.



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tenuifolium "Tom Thumb"

Evergreen shrub with roundish form, dense and compact. Leaves 3-5 cm are pale bronze when young, later dark bronze, tinged with purple. Is used on its own, in groups, in boxes and rock gardens.

tobira

Origin: China, Korea, Japan. Evergreen shrub with upright, dense habit, well branched. Leaves up to 15cm long, obovate, leathery with undulate edges, bending downwards. They remain glossy green in all seasons. Creamy-white flowers from April to June, grouped in clusters 8 cm wide, very fragrant, followed by round, green fruit, 2 cm wide. Grows well in all types of soil, even dry and sandy soil and it is one of the most resistant to saltiness. Tolerates the polluted air in towns. Very popular all over the Mediterranean coast where it appears to have found its ideal habitat.



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tobira "Nanum"

Dwarf *Pittosporum tobira* which develops naturally into a round bush, spreading, with the lower branches resting on the ground. It maintains its spherical shape over the years without pruning, or with very little pruning. Foliage and growing requirements the same as *P. tobira*, ma un po' più sensibile ai forti geli/but rather more sensitive to hard frosts. The flowers are the same, but they are few and sporadic. It is grown as a free standing specimen in rock gardens, in groups in gardens, in pots and troughs.

tobira "Variegatum"

Evergreen shrub with spreading habit, dense, almost round. The leaves have the same texture and size as *P. tobira*, but they have cream margins. Creamy-white fragrant flowers. Growing requirements the same as *P. tobira*, but more sensitive to hard frosts. It is used for borders, hedges and in containers to create combinations of different coloured shrubs.

