Bearss Seedless Lime

Citrus aurantifolia 'Bearss Seedless'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Persian Lime, Tahitian Lime

Description:

A heavy producer of juicy, lemon sized fruit in winter to early spring, with a mild lime flavor; has a densely branched habit with a full rounded crown at maturity; position near patios or walkways to enjoy the fragrant flowers

Edible Qualities

Bearss Seedless Lime is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green oval fruit which are usually ready for picking from mid to late winter. The fruit will often fade to yellow over time. The seedlessfruits have a tart taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Juice-Making
- Sauces



Bearss Seedless Lime fruit
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Bearss Seedless Lime flowers
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Features & Attributes

Bearss Seedless Lime features showy clusters of fragrant white star-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent green berries from mid to late winter, which fade to yellow over time.

This is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 plant, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



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Aside from its primary use as an edible, Bearss Seedless Lime is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Bearss Seedless Lime will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, 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 tree is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Bearss Seedless Lime is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.