

Wild olive



Olea oleaster, the wild-olive, has been considered by various botanists a valid species and a subspecies of the cultivated olive tree, *Olea europea*, which is a tree of multiple origins that was domesticated, it now appears, at various places during the fourth and third millennia BCE, in selections drawn from varying local populations.

Today, as a result of natural hybridization and the very ancient domestication and extensive cultivation of the olive throughout the Mediterranean Basin, wild-looking feral forms of olive, called "oleasters", constitute a complex of populations, potentially ranging from feral forms to the wild-olive. The wild-olive is a tree of the maquis shrubland, itself in part the result of the long presence of mankind.

The drought-tolerant sclerophyllous tree is believed to have originated in the eastern Mediterranean Basin. It still provides the hardy and disease-resistant rootstock on which cultivated olive varieties are grafted.

Category: Olea Europea

Families: Oleaceae

Genus: Olea

Species: olivaster

Geographical Area of Origin: Western Asia / Mediterranean Europe

Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a

Habit: Bonsai

Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde ☒

Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile

Flower: Simple flower

Colore Fiori: Bianco ☐

Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

Water needs: Low / little water

Light Exposure: Full light / Full sun



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Form: Bonsai

Colore Frutti: Verde 