

Soft Caress Mahonia/ Grape Holly



Mahonia eurybracteata 'Soft Caress'

- **Use:** 'Soft Caress' is unlike any other Mahonia you may have grown. First, it's a dwarf, compact enough for containers but large enough for the foundation or border. Second, its foliage is long and slender, very finely cut and soft to the touch. Altogether a completely new look for a familiar favorite, this beautiful shrub deserves a place of honor in your lightly shaded landscape! The stems are slender on 'Soft Caress,' and may remind you of bamboo. And it is soft to the touch, unlike the stiff, poky Holly-like foliage of other varieties. Lovely!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Thrives in morning sun or dappled shade. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing to 4 ft. high, 3 to 4 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** 7b-9; shrub Keep in a protected area near the home.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen The olive-green foliage of this shrub is elongated and widely-spaced, a threadleaf effect that works quite well against both flowers and berries. It gives 'Soft Caress' a more Oriental look, making it a nice choice for Asian-themed gardens.
- **Flower:** From mid-fall through mid-winter, the foliage is topped by citron-yellow blooms held upright in clusters of "candles." Lightly fragrant and very long-lasting, they give 'Soft Caress' an entirely new look. They are followed by large clusters of silver-sheened blue berries, also quite long-lasting on the plant. It is an excellent choice for the foundation (being evergreen), as well as for the border or even large containers.



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