

Beni Kin Mokusei Sweet Tea Olive



Osmanthus fragrans aurantiacus 'Beni Kin Mokusei'

- **Use:** "Red Flowering Osmanthus" Actually it is a deeper orange than the typical form. It is definitely a different clone than the orange-flowering clones in the trade, and it is just as fragrant, but it is more showy with its larger flowers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun, but thrives best with some protection from our hot afternoon sun in the South. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Can grow up to 10-12 feet high and 8 feet wide, but easily pruned to keep even shorter! This plant is great for use as a small tree, espalier, or screen.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone** 7-9 shrub, Small tree
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Dark green foliage is larger than aurantiticus straight species.
- **Flower:** The small star-shaped flowers open in autumn and are sweetly perfumed. Those in the know recognize that a handful of cut stems are capable of awakening a room with delightful fragrance. Larger blooms and a deeper orange than the our typical orange flowering "aurantiacus."

Tea Olives are easy to grow evergreen shrubs or small trees whose fragrant flowers will often grace your garden from fall to spring!



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