

# West Coast Schip Laurel



**Excellent hedge  
or privacy screen.**

## *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Schipkaensis'

- **Use:** Schip Laurel is a popular upright evergreen shrub or small tree that maintains its proportions of being roughly twice as tall as wide. This cultivar is named for the Schipka pass in the mountains separating India from Nepal. The dense canopy of this shrub provides cover and nesting sites for songbirds, like the Eastern towhee. It would make an excellent specimen or plant in small groups or even mass plant for screen or privacy hedge.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part shade. Plant tolerates pruning and shade well but will need to be watered regularly especially in hot summers. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry, but soil must never be soggy or root rot could occur. Prefers alkaline soils so adding some lime to raise the pH would be helpful.
- **Growth:** Growth to 10 to 15 feet tall by 6 to 8 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6a-9b Shrub, small tree
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Lustrous dark green foliage is 3-4" long and 1-2" wide. *Not for human or animal consumption.*
- **Flower:** Small white flowers on 3 to 4 in. erect panicles Flowers freely. Fruit black, round, about 1 cm in late summer, but not for consumption.