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## Olea europaea



Výška	5 - 10 m
Šírka	8-12m
Koruna	round to fan-shaped, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Kôra a vetvy	twigs silver grey on emerging, later dark brown, bark silvery grey, grooved
Listy	opposed, evergreen, elongated to narrow obovate, grey-green, underside silver grey, 2 - 8 cm
Kvety	in axillar? panicles, yellow-white, June/August
Plody	elliptical to almost round drupe, olive green to black, 1 - 3 cm, edible fruits
Tŕne	Žiadny
Jedovatosť	Zvyčajne nie je jedovaté pre ľudí a väčšie zvieratá
Typ pôdy	nutrient-rich, very well-drained soil
Pôdna vlhkosť	Vhodné do suchých pôd
Spevnené plochy	Netoleruje spevnené plochy
Zóna odolnosti	8b (-9,4,5 do -6,7 °C)
Odolnosť voči vetru	very good
Ostatná odolnosť	Odolné vetru
Použitie	stromy do nádob, strešné záhrady, pobrežné zóny, malé záhrady, dvory
Tvar	Ovocný strom polokmeň
Pôvod	Mediterranean area, eastwards to Saudi Arabia

The olive is a very well-known small to medium-size tree that has spread quickly towards North-West Europe as a cultivated plant. The somewhat tangled, dense branching eventually forms a round to fan-shaped crown that usually attains maximum height of 5 to 6 m. The young shoots are silver grey turning dark brown as they mature. The bark of older trees is silvery grey and grooved. The evergreen opposed leaves are dark green on top and silver grey on the underside. In summer the small, sweet, fragrant green-yellow flowers open in axillary panicles. Mainly in warmer climates they are followed by the familiar olives. It takes a year for the fruits to fully ripen and turn from light green to olive green or black. Very wind resistant and tolerates sea wind. Needs a nutrient-rich, very well-drained soil and does not tolerate stagnant water around the roots. Clearly warmth-loving tree for dry, sunny sites.