



Osmanthus delavayi



Šírka	2-3m
Tŕne	Žiadny
Jedovatosť	Zvyčajne nie je jedovaté pre ľudí a väčšie zvieratá
Spevnené plochy	Toleruje čiastočné spevnenie
Zóna odolnosti	8a (-12,2 do -9,5 °C)
Ostatná odolnosť	Odolné vetru
Stromy pre zvieratá a hmyz	Odolné vetru, Cenné pre včely (medonosné)
Použitie	bulváre a široké ulice, stromy do nádob, malé záhrady, dvory

Osmanthus delavayi is a densely branched, evergreen shrub growing 1.5 to 3 m tall. The crown is slightly irregularly spherical to flattened globular. This irregularity gives the plant a somewhat cloud-like character. The young twigs are green and very short and softly hairy, the older bark is smooth and dark grey. The small leaves, which always face each other, are oval and 1-3 cm long. They are glossy dark green. The numerous small white flowers open in April. These stand in dense clusters and somewhat resemble the flowers of the Lilac (to which Osmanthus is related). The flowers have a strong and pleasant fragrance and are well-frequented by bees. Sometimes the plants flower so profusely that they are completely covered with the flowers. After flowering, small, oval blue-black drupes may form.

French missionary Jean-Marie Delavay sent seeds of Osmanthus delavayi to the famous Parisian nurseryman Maurice de Vilmorin in 1890. Only one seed germinated and the plant, named after its discoverer, was spread in Europe by grafting on Ligustrum, among others. In the early 20th century, English planthunter George Forrest sent more plants from China to Europe.