



## Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree

Mastic tree is a Mediterranean native that will be an evergreen small tree or large shrub, depending on how it is pruned. These will usually grow about 15 to 25 feet tall and wide, at a slow to moderate rate depending on irrigation. This plant will take some patience to prune into a nice single or multi-trunk tree, but is well worth the wait! Mastic tree can tolerate extreme heat and drought once established, and can handle poor soils and even moderate salinity. In low deserts it is evergreen, but will lose some leaves in colder climates. Trees are separately male and female, the males have a pretty red bloom in the spring and females make small red to black berries in the late fall that birds love. Mastic trees thrive in full sun to part shade.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	15-25 feet tall and wide
FLOWER COLOR	Male are red, female are white
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	Prune into tree form if desired



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