

# Bay Tree

*Laurus nobilis* Also known as: **Bay Laurel, Sweet Bay, Roman laurel, Royal bay**

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This description is for **Bay Tree (Laurus nobilis)**:

**Whether the Bay Tree knows its leaves make stews and soups tastier will always be a mystery.**

Grown as either a small evergreen tree or large shrub, *Laurus nobilis* makes an impressive contribution not just to a garden, but the kitchen too. Its narrow, lance-shaped grey-green leaves are commonly used in flavouring soups, though they are never consumed themselves. Known as the Bay Tree, or Bay Laurel, it produces clusters of tiny yellow, fuzzy flowers, which give way to black berries in autumn, and is often clipped into finely manicured shapes. The Bay Tree loves sun and well-drained soil, and is as happy in a large pot as it is in the ground. It doesn't like cold winds though, so a sheltered spot is best.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Trees
<b>Height [m]</b> 12	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z8-11	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 10	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs Outdoor food Neighbour repellent For every season Author's choice
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Yellow	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -12 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Coastal Kitchen garden Topiary
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Garden spaces</b> Specimen Hedges and screens
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring Mid spring Late spring	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 30 years or longer
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Awards?</b> Yes, let it smell		
<b>Propagation methods</b> semi-ripe cuttings seed		
<b>Growth habit</b> Conical Erect		