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## Arbequina European Olive

*Olea europaea* 'Arbequina'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 7b

### Description:

This spectacular variety is more compact, with a weeping habit; fragrant white flowers in summer give way to green drupes that darken to a glossy brown; can be grown as an ornamental as well; a beautiful accent tree or screen

### Features & Attributes

Arbequina European Olive is bathed in stunning panicles of fragrant creamy white flowers along the branches from late spring to early summer. Its glossy narrow leaves emerge chartreuse, turning dark green in color with curious grayish green undersides throughout the year. The brown oval fruit is edible and has a pungent taste and a distinctive fragrance. Note that in general, it can be difficult to get plants to reliably produce fruit indoors; this may be a challenge best reserved for adventurous and experienced gardeners.

This is an evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



*Arbequina European Olive*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Arbequina European Olive foliage*  
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## Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Arbequina European Olive can be expected to grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 300 years. This houseplant requires direct sun for optimal performance, and should therefore be situated in a room that gets bright sunlight for a good part of the day; it is not a good choice for rooms lit only by artificial light. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist soil, and should do just fine under average home conditions. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.



*Arbequina European Olive flowers*  
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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

**-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --**