

**Botanical Name:** *Myrtus communis* 'Compacta'

**Common Name:** Compact True Myrtle

*MER-tus kom-MEW-nis*

## SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Myrtaceae

**Origin:** Mediterranean

**Climate Zone:** USDA 8a-10b Sunset 8-24

**Mature Height:** 2-3 feet

**Mature Width:** 2-3 feet

**Plant Type:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Low rounded form is dense with small fine leaves

**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate

**Flower Color/Details:** Showy, bright white, open flowers with a starburst of stamens, 3/4 inch diameter, sweetly fragrant

**Flower Season:** Late spring, summer

**Bark:** N/A

**Fruit:** Blue-black berries, 1/2 inch late summer, fall

**Foliage:** Dark green shiny, aromatic leaves

**Use:** Foundational evergreen shrub, low hedge or border, formal gardens

**Floral:** Filler in cut flower arrangements

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts butterflies, birds, bees, native pollinators

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** Yes

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** Berries may stain hardscape, prone to disease in poorly drained soils

**Soil:** Adaptable, if well drained

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Water Requirements:** Low, drought tolerant

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L L L M M M

**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No

**Description:** Tough evergreen shrub for smaller spaces, 'Compacta' has smaller leaf and is lower, more compact than species. Often referred to as Dwarf Sweet Myrtle.

**Maintenance:** Fertilize once annually, as plants break winter dormancy, with a balanced food. Selective pruning the first two years will create a pleasing shape for the life of the shrub. When mature, prune once annually after berries have dropped.



#1 Nursery Container