

SICILIAN SUNSHINE®

Laurus nobilis 'LNSS'

Common name: bay laurel, sweet bay



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 8/AHS 10
Mature height:	4-10'/1.2-3.0 m
Exposure:	Part - full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:	
-	Classic evergreen for warm climate landscaping
-	New foliage emerges vivid yellow on red stems
-	Easily trained into shapes, forms, and hedges
-	Can be grown indoors in bright light in colder climates
-	Leaves may be harvested any time and used fresh or dried in cooking.



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average-high	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate-high	
Watering:	Average	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	40 – 50° F/4.4 – 10° C	
Sales Window:	All season (evergreen)	
Blooms On:	Old wood (flowers not especially significant)	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Not required	
Vigor Rating:	Slow	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	16-20 • 14-18 • 12-16
2 - 3 gallon	4" • QT	18-22 • 16-20

Grower Tips:	
•	Relatively slow to produce but has a year-round sales window in warm climates. Will grow best in mild-high temperatures.
•	Prune to shape as desired: it lends itself to topiary and other formal pruning methods.
•	Trim new growth 2-4 times to produce a dense plant. Avoid cutting into thick, heavy wood.
•	Allow 8-10 weeks after a trim for colorful new foliage to develop, which increases retail appeal.
•	Watch for spider mites; treat according to your IPM protocol.
•	Potting a 2 ¼" liner directly to a 2 or 3 gallon can is not recommended.
NOTES:	