

Lonicera (Shrubby) - Care Guide

Shrubby Lonicera - Growing Guide

(As shrubs or hedging honeysuckle plants rather than climbing honeysuckle)

Burncoose now offers a good selection of shrubby Lonicera that are either freestanding shrubs in the herbaceous border or woodland garden or, alternatively, evergreen hedging or edging plants which are an excellent replacement for box hedging in the many parts of the country which are now suffering from terminal moth and caterpillar attacks or after 'box-blight' disease. Lonicera nitida, in its many different shapes and forms, may well become the most suitable replacement.

L. nitida has a dense bushy and quick growing habit. It will create a dense hedge of up to 10ft in height and has glossy dark green leaves. As a hedge it will need clipping and shaping twice a year to keep it in shape. L. nitida "Baggeson's Gold" has bright yellow leaves and arching shoots. It grows to around 5ft with a similar spread if left unpruned. As such it makes a good low windbreak or hedge. L. nitida 'Lemon Beauty' and 'Silver Beauty' have similar habits but the leaves of the former are lemon-gold and dark green while the latter has silver variegation. L. nitida 'Tidy Tips' is known as poor man's box. It has a dwarf habit and tiny upright stems densely clustered with leaves. It can easily be clipped and shaped into an 18-36in edging hedge.



L. nitida



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Recently planted *L. nitida*



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L. nitida 'Baggesen's Gold'



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L. nitida 'Baggesen's Gold' and *F. magellanica* var. *gracilis*



L. nitida 'Baggesen's Gold' and *Hosta* 'Liberty'



L. nitida 'Lemon Beauty'



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L. nitida 'Tidy Tips'



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L. pileata



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L. fragrantissima is an evergreen or semi deciduous shrub growing to about 5-6ft in height with a similar spread. Grow it near a path where you can appreciate its very fragrant creamy white flowers which are produced in pairs from January to March. It has red berries in May.



L. fragrantissima



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L. x purpusii 'Winter Beauty'



L. x purpusii 'Winter Beauty'



L. x purpusii 'Winter Beauty'



L. syringantha



L. elisae



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L. involucrata var. ledebourii is a more tender shrub from California which can grow up to 10ft with a bushy habit. It has peculiar orange-yellow flowers tinged red in June followed by black berries.



L. involucrata



L. involucrata var. ledebourii



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L. involucrata var. ledebourii

L. crassifolia is a creeping evergreen species suitable for the rockery. We grow it on an ancient tree stump the centre of which we have filled with soil. It is slow growing and relishes full sun in a hot dry location. It has rounded leathery leaves and the flowers appear in summer. These are

upright and white at first fading to yellowish. An attractive and unusual species which is not really a shrub as such nor is it a climber.



Lonicera crassifolia

View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/v5DjjwIPZKA>

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