



## Wheeler's Dwarf Pittosporum

*Pittosporum Tobira*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8-31, H1, H2	Full sun or partial shade	Must have adequate nutrients in soil, feed in spring with complete fertilizer	Does best with regular watering	Clusters of small bell shaped, often sweetly fragrant flowers	6-15 feet tall

*This beautiful broadleaved evergreen shrub or small tree can reach up to 15 ft (4.6 m) in height and approximately the same in width. In general the Japanese pittosporum grows taller in the shade while those grown in full sun are more compact. In both situations the plant assumes an upright round-headed form with branches radiating out from around the stems. There is a dwarf variety that grows to only about 2 ft (0.6 m) in height called 'Wheeler's Dwarf'. This densely branched and compact shrub forms neat bushel basket size mounds that find use in groundcover plantings, especially in commercial landscapes.*

*The leathery leaves are glossy on the top with undersides that are lighter and have a dull surface. These very ornamental leaves reach a length of from 1-5 in (2.5-12.7 cm) and up to 1 in (2.5 cm) wide with edges that recurve (curl down and inward). They are arranged alternately in a whorl around the stem, an arrangement that provides dense foliage which I think enhances the plant's interest and attractiveness. There is also a popular variegated form that seems to be more frequently grown than the species. It has grey-green leaves with cream-colored irregular margins that permit it to make a pleasing contrast in mixed plantings.*