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## Dwarf Wax Myrtle

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- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Full Sun / Part Shade
- **Blooms:** Early Spring
- **Flowers:** White
- **Fruit:** Gray
- **Foliage:** Dark Green
- **Form:** Round
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 3'h x 3'w
- **Zone:** 7 – 11
- **Drought Tolerance:** High
- **Scientific Name:** *Myrica cerifera 'pumilla'*
- **Usage:** Ornamental, Specimen, Screen, Foreground, Mass



### Introduction

Dwarf Wax Myrtle has become a mainstay in many Texas landscapes, valued for its aromatic, soft, evergreen foliage, 3 to 6 foot height and spread, and adaptability to full sun or bright shade and a variety of soils, ranging from boggy to very dry. It is very similar to regular Southern Wax myrtle and is considered by some botanists to be merely a dwarf variety.

The fine-textured wispy foliage makes an excellent pruned hedge, or the plant may be limbed up to make an attractive specimen. New spring growth produces a bayberry scent, which is evident on bruised leaves throughout the year. Dwarf Wax Myrtle is sensitive to cold or below-freezing winds, which may defoliate or cause severely browned leaves. It is suggested to plant in a protected area of the landscape.

It attracts birds, but is not attracted by deer.

### Additional Characteristics

- Low maintenance
- Upright, vase shape growth habit
- Medium texture
- Moderate growth
- Use as a hedge or mass planting

### Planting

- Typically planted in 1, 3, 5, and 7 gal containers.



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