

# Discover the Flora of Our Campus

## *Ligustrum (Ligustrum)*

*Ligustrum*, commonly known as **privet** or “waxleaf,” is a genus of evergreen or semi-evergreen shrubs and small trees widely used in ornamental landscaping. Its leaves are small, oval, and glossy green, and in some species they remain on the plant throughout the year. The plant grows densely and forms a compact, bushy structure, making it ideal for hedges and living fences.



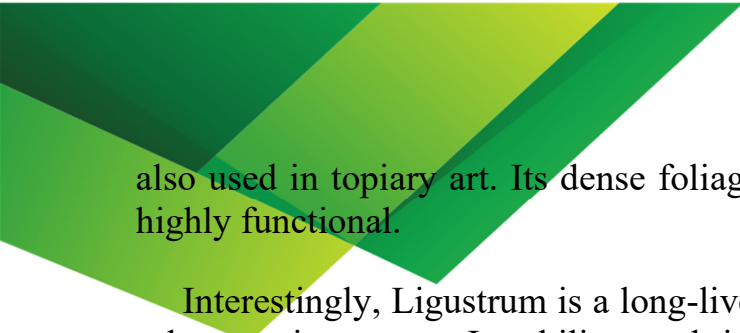
This genus is native to Europe, Asia, and North Africa. In nature, it grows in forest edges, shrublands, and open areas. Over time, it has become one of the most widely used ornamental plants in landscape design and urban greenery. In Azerbaijan, it is commonly used in parks and gardens, especially for borders and hedges.

*Ligustrum* grows well in both sunny and partially shaded locations. It is not very demanding in terms of soil and can adapt to poor or fertile conditions.

It is fast-growing and highly tolerant of pruning, allowing it to be shaped easily. With regular trimming, it can form a dense and neat green wall. It has moderate drought tolerance, but regular watering helps it develop denser foliage.

In terms of human and ecological impact, privet is mainly valued as a decorative and functional landscape plant. It is used in gardens to provide privacy, and to reduce wind and dust. Its small white flowers are fragrant and serve as a nectar source for bees. Some species produce black berry-like fruits, which can be toxic to humans.

Its main uses are in landscape design and urban greening. It is widely used for hedges, borders, and formal garden designs. Due to its tolerance for pruning, it is



also used in topiary art. Its dense foliage makes it both aesthetically pleasing and highly functional.

Interestingly, Ligustrum is a long-lived plant that quickly adapts to shaping and urban environments. Its ability to thrive in cities has made it one of the most commonly planted hedge shrubs worldwide. It is one of the most popular genera used for creating “green wall” effects.

