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SPECIES	Nerium oleander cv
COMMON NAME	Oleander
ORIGIN	Mediterranean to India
DESIGN USE	Screening, informal hedges, large planters, beach plantings, and cityscapes



HEIGHT

2.5–5m

SPREAD

1.5–2.5m

HABIT

Hardy evergreen flowering shrub or tree. All plant parts are poisonous and oleanders have a tendency to become leggy.

FORM

Symmetrical canopy with a regular (or smooth) outline, and individuals have more or less identical crown forms.

FLOWERS

Double & single varieties are available in White, Pink, Red & Salmon. The flowers are in clusters at the end of branches & are perfumed.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Occurs almost all year round

FRUIT

Elongated, inconspicuous fruit and not showy

VARIATIONS

“Calyпсо” (single, cherry red flowers and is very hardy)

“Compte Barthelemy” (double red flowers)

“Sister Agnes” (single pure white flowers)

“Petite Pink” and “Petite Salmon” (dwarf cultivars)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Survives drought well & is well-suited to growing on soil too poor for most other shrubs, tolerates salt spray, brackish water, & alkaline soil.

HORTICULTURE

Needs a well drained soil mix in containers. Versatile, can survive both dry and wet soils. Needs full sun to very light shade. Fastest growth occurs when provided moisture in times of drought.

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