TAYLOR'S
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY & NURSERY

Wax Myrtle

Morella cerifera

Plant care guide



SUN
Full sun to part shade

WATER
Low · takes wet or dry

MATURE SIZE
15–20 ft tall & wide

BLOOM TIME
Early spring · tiny

USDA ZONE
7–10 · fits 8b/9a

Planting	**Best in fall.** Dig 2–5× as wide as the root ball, no deeper; set it level or slightly high. Very fast: up to 5 ft of growth a year.
Watering	**First weeks:** water every 2–3 days when the top inches dry. **Established:** tolerates drought, sand and even wet spots; rarely needs extra water.
Soil & Mulch	Not picky; prefers well-drained, slightly acidic soil. Yellow leaves with green veins mean the pH is too high.
Fertilizer	**Rarely needed.** It grows fast with little care. Feed lightly in spring only if a soil test calls for it.
Pruning	**Shape or hedge as needed,** or limb it up into a small multi-trunk tree with pale gray bark.
Lowcountry Tip	A South Carolina native. Handles beach sand and salt spray; birds eat the berries (female plants). Freeze-browned leaves regrow.