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Ligustrum ovalifolium

[Synonyms : *Ligustrum californicum*, *Ligustrum medium*]

GARDEN PRIVET is a semi-evergreen or evergreen shrub. Native to Japan it has small heavily scented (for some unpleasantly so), cream flowers.

It is also known as *Bredbladig liguster* (Swedish), Broad-leaved privet, California privet, Hedge privet, Japanese privet, *Ovalblättriger Liguster* (German), Oval-leaved privet, and *Ptačí zob vejčitolistý* (Czech).

Warning – the berries are considered poisonous.

Ovalifolium is derived from Latin *ovum* (oval) and *-folia* (leaved) components meaning ‘oval leaved’.

Garden privet was introduced to England in 1842.

This shrub is often grown as cover on game coverts.