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Prunus lusitanica

[Synonyms : *Laurocerasus lusitanica*, *Padus lusitanica*, *Prunus lusitanica* f. *myrtifolia*]

PORTUGAL LAUREL is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-western Europe and to the Canary Islands, it has tiny, sweetly fragrant, dull white flowers.

It is also known as *Azereiro* (Portuguese), *Bobkovišeň portugalská* (Czech), Laurel, *Laurel de Portugal* (Spanish), *Portugisisk laurbærkirsebær* (Danish), Portuguese cherry laurel, and Portuguese laurel cherry.

Warning – the foliage is poisonous and should not be burnt.

Lusitanica means ‘of or from Portugal (Lusitania)’.

Portugal laurel is cultivated as a street tree and as hedging, screening or a garden ornamental.