



## Bonsai Tree Care - Chinese Privet (*ligustrum sinensis*)

What is Bonsai?	Bonsai is the reproduction of trees in miniature. This art form has been practiced in Japan and China for centuries. Since Bonsai are grown in pots and not in the ground, they are solely dependent on you for their care. If cared for properly, your tree will live for years to come, increasing in beauty as it matures.
About Your Tree: <b>Chinese Privet (<i>ligustrum sinensis</i>)</b>	The Chinese Privet is very popular for bonsai. It is native to Asia and is primarily planted as a small tree (3-4m high) or as a hedge. It is fast growing and can tolerate vigorous pruning. It is one of the most popular bonsai.
Placement:	<i>Indoors:</i> Chinese Ligustrum love light, place in indirect light and avoid direct sunlight. These trees grow in moist climates, so you want to be sure you keep it out of any drafty areas. <i>Outdoors:</i> Chinese Ligustrum enjoy being outdoors when it is warm. Feel free to bring it outside in the summer months. Again, find a place with indirect sunlight. Bring it inside if temperatures drop below 50 degrees.
Watering:	Chinese Ligustrum prefer humidity, warmth and moist soil that is well-drained. Never allow the soil to dry, water it before it dries out. An attached humidity tray will help to keep the tree watered appropriately. Consider misting it every few days to help with the humidity. Keep it moist in the summer and water slightly less in the winter.
Notes:	The Chinese Ligustrum makes for a wonderful beginner bonsai as it takes little maintenance. It can survive over-watering or under-watering occasionally. It is a very hardy and forgiving tree.

These are basic care guidelines to get you started. There are many fine books and other resources available to help you take care of your Bonsai as it matures. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions. I hope you enjoy your new bonsai tree!

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