



# Lonicera nitida Ophelia™

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**Z** **ZONE** 5-9

**L** **LIGHT** Sun/Shade

**S** **SIZE** 3 ½' wide x 3 ½' tall

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### ORIGIN

**Origin:** From Andre Briant Jeunes Plants in France.

### INFORMATION

**Hardiness:** USDA 5-9 (maybe hardy to zone 4) Heat Hardiness 4-8.

**Size:** 5 Year: 2-3 1/2' h X 3 1/2' w; Mature: 3 1/2' h x 3 1/2' w.

**Growth Habit/Form:** Dense, leafy, rounded shrub valued primarily for the foliage.

**Flowers:** Creamy white, ¼ to ½" in length, little to no aroma; produced in axillary, short-stalked pairs.

**Fruit:** Globular, bluish purple, translucent, ¼" diameter that appear in late summer.

**Foliage:** Leaves are opposite, simple, evergreen (zones 7-8), ovate to roundish, ¼ -5/8" in length and will hold a golden color in full sun without burning, while turning lime green in full shade.

**Soil (pH):** Best in well drained, evenly moist, slightly acid soils. Tolerant of heavier soils if drainage improved and sandier soils if organic matter supplemented. Shows surprising drought tolerance once established.

**Sun/Shade:** Very versatile. Ophelia™ will perform well in full sun, full shade, and part sun/shade.

**Pruning/Shearing:** None needed, but tolerates shearing for decorative effect.

**Propagation Notes:** Roots easily from semi-hardwood cutting taken year round.

**Special Features:** A mutation of the newly introduced Edmee Gold™ PP#15234, itself a mutation of the widely used European variety Maigrun, this plant will keep its attractive yellow foliage in the shade, creating a nice golden accent in areas where this color cannot usually be found, but is also entirely at ease in full sun when it will turn bright golden and WILL NOT BURN. Smaller than Baggensen's Gold, to which it is sometimes compared, it is much better suited for small landscapes and gardens as well as for containers. Non invasive.

**Uses:** Ground-cover, shrub border, low-growing hedge.

**Availability:** Rooted liners are available from The Conard-Pyle Co.



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