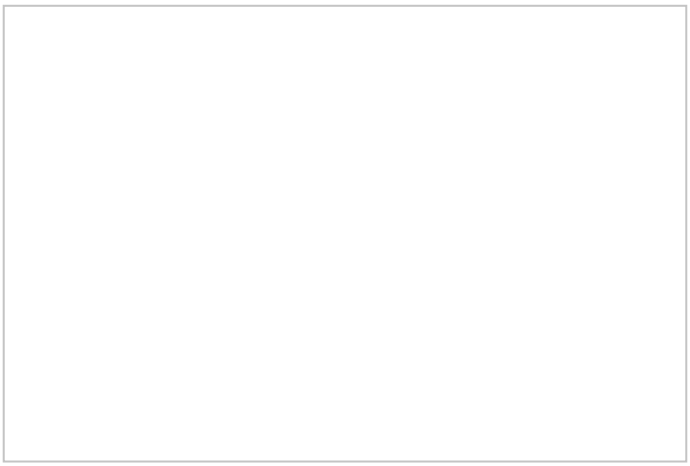
The myrtle-leaved orange tree



Citrus myrtifolia, the myrtle-leaved orange tree, is a species of Citrus with foliage similar to that of the common myrtle. It is a compact tree with small leaves and no thorns which grows to a height of three metres and can be found in Malta, Libya, the south of France and Italy (primarily in Liguria, typically Savona, and also in Tuscany, Sicily and Calabria).
The fruit of the tree resemble small oranges. It has a bitter flavor and is commonly called by its Italian name, chinotto. It is an essential flavoring agent of most Italian amari, of the popular Campari apï ritif, and of several brands of carbonated soft drinks that are generically called "chinotto".
Citrus myrtifolia is sometimes planted in gardens. Due to its compactness, it can also be planted in a pot or other container.

Category: Citrus
Families: Rutaceae
Genus: Citrus
Species: myrtifolia
Geographical Area of Origin: Asia, Indian subcontinent
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Gennaio / Febbraio / Settembre / Ottobre / Novembre / Dicembre
Flower: Corymb
Colore Fiori: Bianco
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Low / little water / Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Espalier / Tree / Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Arancione

Parfumed: yes