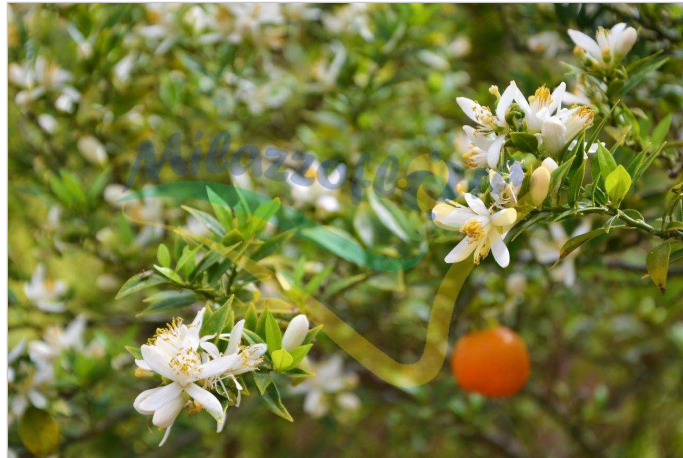


The myrtle-leaved orange tree



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 apéritif, 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



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