

**Black Olive**  
***Bucida buceras* L.**  
**Family: Combretaceae**

The Black Olive Tree is a large and beautiful shade tree. As it matures it becomes round and densely vegetated. It is very tolerant of drought and storms. The unmistakable leaves are shiny and grow to about 3 ½ inches long, clustered at the ends of the stems. Fruits are capsules and the flowers are not easily seen. The Black Olive Tree will grow to 60- 80' tall. Not everyone cares for Black Olive Trees because the fruit can stain driveways and sidewalks with their tannic acid content. For this reason, we recommend that you plant these trees away from walkways and parking areas.

As with all trees in the City of Plantation, please make sure that they are of the Florida #1 or better quality. This means the tree has one central leader (not several) and good branch structure with branches evenly spaced around the trunk. Roots should grow away from the trunk, not circle or girdle it. Please be sure to follow proper planting procedures!

Questions can be directed to the City of Plantation Department of Landscape Architecture at 954.797.2246 or to our Tree Gurus, Marge and Fred at [AskMargeAndFred@Plantation.org](mailto:AskMargeAndFred@Plantation.org)

