

2008 PLANTS OF THE YEAR

Aloysia virgata

Common Name: Almond Bush

Zones: North, Central & South



Mature Height and Spread: Generally 6 x 8-ft. mounding shrub

Classification: Small Tree or Large Shrub

Landscape Use: Specimen and butterfly attractor

Characteristics: This fragrant, vigorous, drought-tolerant, upright-growing tree/shrub form South America produces finger-like spiked clusters of small, white almond-scented flowers on slightly weeping branches. With an extended bloom period this shrub can be pruned up to form a tree. For a full plant with denser growth, prune between bloom cycles. In North Florida this plant may die down and quickly regrows as a tall shrub.

Propagation: By cuttings from stem or semi-hardwood

information will include details about playing surfaces, natural resources, environmental stewardship efforts and maintenance practices on the golf course. Results from each phase will first appear in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, then in *Golf Course Management*, the association's monthly publication, then will be widely distributed.

Two Florida Turf Students Get GCSAA Scholarships

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has awarded scholarship money to 16 college students as part of the GCSAA Scholars Program administered by GCSAA's philanthropic organization, The Environmental Institute for Golf. Jonathan Chase Webb (University of Florida) and Nathaniel Watkin (Lake City Community College) each were awarded stipends ranging from \$1,250 to \$2,500.

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