

# Dwarfing Citrus With a Dwarf Sport of *Severenia buxifolia* as Rootstock

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Small Black Fruit (arrow) with Single Seed and Thorns on Standard *Severenia buxifolia*





Two 5-6 foot  
tall 4 year old  
standard  
*Severenia  
buxifolia*  
plants and  
two 14 inch  
in height  
> 10 year old  
dwarf  
*Severenia  
buxifolia*  
plants





One year old cleft grafted Atlas Honey Mandarin (left) and Wilking Tangerine (right). Bright red arrow to twig of the *Severenia buxifolia* rootstock. Brick red arrows to fruits. The background plant is Brown Select Tangerine cleft grafted (blue arrow) two months earlier on standard *Severenia* rootstock.





One year old cleft grafted **Atlas Honey Mandarin** (left) and **Wilking Tangerine** (right). Bright red arrow to twig of the dwarf *Severenia buxifolia* rootstock which does not sucker. The background plant is **Brown Select Tangerine** with a two month old cleft graft (blue arrow) on standard *Severenia* rootstock.





Dwarf  
*Severenia*  
grafted on  
Standard  
*Severenia*  
serving as its  
rootstock in  
order to  
increase  
growth to  
obtain seeds





Dwarf *Severenia* Rootstock Supporting a Standard Satsuma with Abundant Fruit





Dwarf *Severenia buxifolia* supporting a Golden grapefruit with early fruit set