Border Privet *Ligustrum obtusifolium*

- Deciduous semi-evergreen, or evergreen shrub in the olive family (*Oleaceae*).
- Grows to 10 to 12 feet in height with spreading or arching stems.
- Distinguished from other privets by its minutely fuzzy twigs, by its hairy leaf midrib, and by its flower clusters which are about 1 to 2 inches in length.
- Leaves are oblong-ovate shaped, opposite, 1-2 inches long, dull dark green (not waxy or shiny).
- Leaves turn red to purple in fall.
- Small white fragrant flowers appear in June; flower tube (not including divided petals) is 3-5 mm (0.2-0.3”) long.
- Berries are green in summer, turn blue-black when mature in the fall, and persist into the winter.