Species: *Pieris japonica*

(pye-urr'is ja-pon'i-kah)

Japanese Pieris

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 8' - 12' (6' - 8' spread)

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: upright, oval

Ornamental Other: Broadleaf evergreen; lustrous dark green leaves; new foliage often apple green, bronze or red; fragrant white flowers resemble lily-of-the-valley, bloom in March/April.

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 5b

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: Part shade; prefers soil with high organic matter content. May suffer dehydration from winter sun and wind.

Insect Disease

lacebug, leaf spots, die-back, Florida wax scale; two-spotted mite; nematodes

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to Japan; transplant as container grown plant; flowers poisonous to animals

Cultivars for *Pieris japonica*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Mountain Fire	'Mountain Fire' - fire red new foliage; compact
Valley Valentine	'Valley Valentine' - maroon buds open to rose pink flowers; upright habit
Variegata	'Variegata' - leaves edged with white
var. yakushimanum	var. yakushimanum (a.k.a. 'Yakushima') - dwarf, slow-growing habit; dark green leaves; white flowers
Bisbee Dwarf	'Bisbee Dwarf' - true dwarf, very compact and tight form; small leaves; new growth light red, turns a dark glossy green when mature;small white flowers on mature plants
Bonsai	'Bonsai' - tiny 1" dark green round leaves; dense, upright habit; grows to 2' tall in 10 years; panicles of white bell flowers are in scale
Pygmaea	'Pygmaea' (a.k.a. f. pygmaea) - grows to 2- 5' tall by 3 -5'; leaves are less than an inch long, and have a feathery, coniferous and thoroughly unique look; White, fragrant flowers; red spring foliage
Nocturne	'Nocturne' - dwarf; grows to 1 - 2' x 1.5 - 3' spread
Cavatine	'Cavatine' - a selection of var. yakushimanum; cold-hardy; compact habit; tight, rhododendron-like leaves; profuse white flowers that appear later than most other varieties
Compacta	'Compacta' - dwarf form, grows to 4' tall; flowers heavily with white blooms
Dorothy Wycoff	'Dorothy Wycoff' - compact, vigorous growth; flower buds are colored dark red, opens to reveal light pink blooms; foliage is dark green in the summer, turning bronze in the winter
Mountain Fire	'Mountain Fire' - stunning new growth emerges a vivid orange-red color that out-shines the white flowers
Prelude	'Prelude' - a var. yakushimanum selection; later-blooming white flowers that remain fresh for a long period; dwarf plant with a tight habit
Purity	'Purity' - pure white flowers, notable for being larger than those of other forms; compact habit; grows to 4' tall
Red Mill	'Red Mill' - red new growth; dense habit; leaves mature to glossy green; flowers are white and long-lasting
Scarlett O'Hara	'Scarlett O'Hara' - new growth on this form is red; white flowers; narrow habit

Cultivar Name	Notes
Snowdrift	'Snowdrift' (a.k.a. 'Snow Drift') - pure white blooms, borne in longer panicles than the species; dense habit; grows to 6' tall and wide; reddish new growth
Valley Rose	'Valley Rose' - tall, open-growing form; light pink blooms; deep green leaves
White Rim	'White Rim' - leaves variegated with white edges
Little Heath	'Little Heath' - compact, globe-shaped form; small leaves are variegated, having narrow white borders with a pink glow when young; white flowers; emerging foliage is red
Flaming Silver	'Flaming Silver' - white variegated leaf edges; red new foliage; grows to 5' x 5'

Photos

Pieris japonica - Habit

Pieris japonica - Bark

Pieris japonica - Leaves, Flowers

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Pieris japonica - Buds

Pieris japonica - Fruit