



Species: *Berberis thunbergii*

(burr'burr-iss thun-burr'jee-eye)

Japanese Barberry

Cultivar Information

Numerous cultivars, varieties that produces little to no fruit (have much less chance of being invasive).

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

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

Height: 5' - 6'; (spread 6' - 8')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: rounded shrub

Ornamental Other: deciduous, fine textured leaves; red fall color; red berries persist throughout fall; spiny stems

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: tolerant of acid and alkaline soils; best in full sun; trouble free; air pollution tolerant

Insect Disease

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to Japan; very common. INVASIVE IN NORTHEAST US

Cultivars for *Berberis thunbergii*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Aurea	'Aurea' - bright yellow foliage in full sun
Concorde	'Concorde' - compact, dense habit; superior purple foliage color
Crimson Pygmy	'Crimson Pygmy' - 2-3'; reddish purple foliage in full sun
Rose Glow	Numerous cultivars, among them: 'Aurea' - bright yellow foliage in full sun 'Concorde' - compact, dense habit; superior purple foliage color 'Crimson Pygmy' - 2-3'; reddish purple foliage in full sun 'Rose Glow' - new foliage pink and white 'Helmond's Pillar' - upright, vertical accent shrub Varieties that produces little to no fruit (much less chance of being invasive): 'Golden Devine' - dwarf, slow growing, 12" tall x 18" wide in 5 years; yellow foliage that develops a crimson margin as it matures B. x mentorensis - upright, rounded habit; semi-evergreen; grows 5-7' tall and wide; hybrid between B. julianae and B. thunbergii; green foliage 'Red Bird' - better foliage color, leaves larger, more compact habit 'Red Chief' - small, upright, deciduous shrub; arching branches; narrow, deep red-purple leaves
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Sunjoy Mini Maroon	First sterile form of Berberis thunbergii, Similar to dwarf forms of purple leaved plants
Sunjoy Cinnamon	Dark orange foliage and compact branching, 4-5' tall
Sunjoy Citrus	Neat, rounded habit; bright gold foliage
Sunjoy Gold Beret	Dwarf, low mounding, 6-12" tall. Gold foliage
Sunjoy Gold Pillar	Bright golden foliage, upright form
Sunjoy Mini Saffron	Dwarf, mounding form; 1.5-2' tall Bright golden foliage
Sunjoy Mini Salsa	Dwarf form; 1.5-2' tall; dark red, maroon foliage

Cultivar Name	Notes
Sunjoy Sequins	Green, white, pink variegated foliage. 2-3' tall, 3-4' wide
Sunjoy Tangelo	Bright orange foliage with yellow margins, 3-4' tall
Sunjoy Todo	Sterile. Purple foliage, semi-dwarf

Photos



Berberis thunbergii - Flowers



Berberis thunbergii - Habit



Berberis thunbergii - Leaves



Berberis thunbergii - Fruit



Berberis thunbergii - Leaves, Fruit



Berberis thunbergii - Habit



Berberis thunbergii - Thorn



Berberis thunbergii - Habit, Fall Interest



Berberis thunbergii - Leaves