



Species: *Buxus sempervirens*

(buk'sus ko-ree-ay'nah sem-purr-veye'renz)

Common Boxwood; Boxwood; Common Box

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet

Height: 3' - 4' (equal spread)

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: compact; mounded shrub

Ornamental Other: full sun to light shade; tolerance to exposure; cold-hardy

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 5b

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

Environmental Other: Light blue to blue-gray foliage; foliage will turn yellow or bronze in winter depending on cultivar. Salt spray in winter makes foliage discoloration worse.

Insect Disease

less troubled by insects than *B. microphylla*; relatively trouble-free; possible mite infestations

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to Africa, Asia, Europe, Asia Minor; slow growth rate; leaves are toxic to livestock; transplant B&B or from container

Cultivars for *Buxus sempervirens*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Green Gem	'Green Gem' - hardy green mound
Green Ice	'Green Ice' - glossy deep green leaf color remains even in cold winters
Green Mountain	'Green Mountain' - upright; good for hedging
Green Mound	'Green Mound' - 3' x 3' mounded habit
Green Velvet	'Green Velvet' - 4' x 4' rounded habit
Wintergreen	'Wintergreen' - small leaves; holds color in winter - SEE PHOTO)
Dee Runk	'Dee Runk'- tall columnar; up to 8' (Nina's favorite)
Castle Wall	'Castle Wall'- broad columnar; up to 4'
Graham Blandy	Dense columnar form
North Star	Dense globe; boxwood blight resistant

Photos



Buxus sempervirens - Habit



Buxus sempervirens - Leaves



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Buxus sempervirens - Buds



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Buxus sempervirens - Habit



Buxus sempervirens - Bark