



Species: *Buxus microphylla*

(buk'sus meye-kroh-fil'ah)

Littleleaf Boxwood; Boxwood; Littleleaf Box

Cultivar Information

There are many cultivars below are some of the best and most common.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet

Height: 3' - 4' (equal spread)

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: dense, compact, rounded shrub

Ornamental Other: roots require cool moist conditions; full sun or light/moderate shade; protect from drying winds and severe low temperatures

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 5b

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

Environmental Other: evergreen; medium green foliage may turn yellow-green in winter depending on the cultivar. Salt spray exacerbates winter damage on leaves.

Insect Disease

canker blight and leaf spot, root rot, and mites

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to China, Japan and Korea; deer resistant; offensive odor; can be pruned heavily; root systems are near soil surface and should not be disturbed

Cultivars for *Buxus microphylla*

Showing **1-8** of **8** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Compacta	'Compacta' - small and dense; excellent foliage color
Curly Locks	'Curly Locks' - twisted branch form
Sunnyside	'Sunnyside' - large leaves; exceptional cold hardiness; fast growing; height and spread of 6' by 6'; foliage will bronze and yellow in the winter
Winter Beauty	'Winter Beauty' - mounded form; dark green foliage; foliage bronzes attractively in the winter; a var. koreana selection
Winter Gem	'Winter Gem' - a var. koreana selection; growing to 4' tall and wide
Wintergreen	'Wintergreen' - bright green leaf color and small leaves; leaves do not discolor in the winter; 2'-3' tall
var. koreana	var. koreana - cold hardy variety, to -20 to -25 degrees F without injury; its foliage turns an unpleasant yellow-green or brown in the cold winter months; to 3' tall
Sprinter	Upright habit, 2-4' tall

Photos



Buxus microphylla - Flowers, Leaves



Buxus microphylla - Leaves



Buxus microphylla - Habit



Buxus microphylla - Fruit



Buxus microphylla - Habit



Buxus microphylla - Bark



Buxus microphylla - Leaves



Buxus microphylla - Fruit



Buxus microphylla - Leaves