



## Species: *Euonymus fortunei*

(eu-on'i-mus for-too'nee-eye)

### Wintercreeper

#### Cultivar Information

Many cultivars are available, most are susceptible to a variety of pests and diseases. Also as this is a climbing vine, when used as a groundcover it may climb up or over other plants, creating an unsightly maintenance issue.

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet, Groundcover, Vine

Height: 1' - 3'

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: groundcover or vine

Ornamental Other: Evergreen; many varieties of habit, foliage color and size depending on the cultivar.

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 4b

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

Environmental Other: Must have protection from full winter sun and wind in northern extremes

#### Insect Disease

Euonymus scale can be a problem

## Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

Native to China May be INVASIVE in Northeast US.

Cultivars for *Euonymus fortunei*Showing **1-13** of **13** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Coloratus	'Coloratus' - green leaves turn purple in winter; groundcover
Emerald Gaiety	'Emerald Gaiety' - silver-edged leaves; shrubby
Emerald n' Gold	'Emerald n' Gold' - dark green leaves with yellow margins; shrubby
Kewensis	'Kewensis' miniature; smaller leaves and stem than species; excellent texture; medium growing groundcover; good for container planting; superior to 'Minimus'
Vegetus	'Vegetus' - larger leaves, shrubby
Blondy	'Blondy' - variegated cultivar; leaves marked with a prominent central yellow blotch; stems are also yellow
Harlequin	'Harlequin' - low, trailing habit, under 10" tall; foliage speckled with green, yellow, cream and pink
Ivory Jade	'Ivory Jade' - mounding; to 3' tall x 6' wide; round leaves; deep green foliage with a white margin.
Minimus	'Minimus' - low-growing form; very small leaves (less than 0.5" long); very often there will be branch reversions to the species
Moonshadow	'Moonshadow' - wavy leaves bright yellow with a thin green margin; grows 1' - 2' tall and remains dense and compact
var. radicans	var. radicans - variable form that usually forms a low, trailing groundcover or climbing vine; foliage is shiny green; produces flowers and fruits; plant produces variegated sports spontaneously; overall this variety is unstable
Sarcoxie	'Sarcoxie' - upright form, grows to 4' - 5' tall; foliage dark, glossy green with whitish veins; produces copious amounts of fruit
Sunspot	'Sunspot' - older, popular cultivar; lustrous green leaves with yellow centers; 3' tall; mounded form

## Photos



*Euonymus fortunei* - Leaves



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*Euonymus fortunei* - Habit



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*Euonymus fortunei* - Flowers



*Euonymus fortunei* - Buds





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