

Botanical Name: Buxus microphylla japonica

Common Name: Japanese boxwood

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, very densely branched woody shrub with small, rounded apple-green leaves; forms a soft, rounded habit if unpruned

Height 3' - 6' Spread equal Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates full shade

Soil tolerates most except poorly drained clay

Hardiness hardy, tolerates dry heat (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, obovate/oval to nearly round, 1/4 - 3/4" long, light green, shiny, leathery

Flowers pale yellow, tiny, axillary clusters - inconspicuous
spring

Fruit inconspicuous - tiny capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent border, commonly used as small hedge material; formal or informal filler for bright green foliage, topiary, container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, tolerates regular

Fertilizing little required

Pruning to shape, anytime as needed, shear cut in formal situations

Pests/Diseases scale, spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Buxaceae