

Botanical Name: Ochna serrulata

Common Name: Mickey Mouse plant, Bird's-eye bush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape irregular, upright plant, becoming oval to rounded w/age;
forms a dense canopy

Height 4 to 5' Spread 4 to 5' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade

Soil prefers a cool, well amended, slightly acidic soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptic to 2-1/2" long, glossy dark green,
sharply serrated, branches rough with many lenticels

Flowers one to several on short spurs -- petals yellow, sepals
green, reflexed -- receptacle turns red

Fruit 5 fleshy black drupes projecting from receptacle

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent container plant, espalier or small scale accent;
used for flower and fruit display and as a conversation piece. Good for
bronzy foliage color in spring

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular water

Fertilizing acid fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back to shape desired

Pests/Diseases pest free

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Ochanceae