

Botanical Name: Cotoneaster franchetii

Common Name: Francheti cotoneaster

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, multi-stemmed from the ground, forming an open, arching clump; slender stems develop a fountain-like habit

Height 8-15' Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade

Soil tolerates many; avoid poorly-drained clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 2-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic-oval: 3/4"-1 1/4" long, dull green above, paler gray-green beneath; young foliage downy; leaf apex mucronate

Flowers white, 1/4" across, in short axillary clusters; April-June

Fruit pome, orange-red, 1/4" across

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: attractive screen or loose background mass; can be trained into small multi-trunk tree

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak; can tolerate considerable drought

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning thin out occasionally to promote new flowering wood

Pests/Diseases relatively free; bacterial fireblight

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Rosaceae