

Botanical Name: Coprosma repens 'Variegata'

Common Name: Variegated mirror plant

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape irregular, sprawling shrub with slender, square stems,  
upright or arching outwards; forms an open, loose, irregular-mounded form if  
unpruned

Height 3-6' Spread 3-6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun along coast, partial sun inland

Soil prefers moist, well draining soil, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost, prefers mild climates (zones 15-17,21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oblong-oval, 1-3" long, very glossy  
upper surface, w/yellow green central blotch, fleshy, emarginate, revolute

Flowers inconspicuous--greenish white, small axillary heads,  
tubular -- summer/fall

Fruit drupe, orange yellow, oval, 1/4" across

Propagation: softwood or semihardwood cuttings

Usage: low to medium filler, hedge or low screen, espalier, low  
facier -- good for light foliage, contrast with darker shrubs

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates some drought along coast

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning anytime to shape desired, 2-3 x a year to develop canopy

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, powdery mildew, mealybug, spider mite

Special Conditions many variegation patterns are available

Origin: New Zealand Family: Rubiaceae