

Botanical Name: Mahonia lomariifolia

Common Name: Chinese hollygrape

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape several erect canes, very characteristic flat leaf
arrangement, whorled about the stem, leaves clustered near cane ends

Height 6-8' Spread 4-5' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade preferred, full sun near coast

Soil moist, well drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 6-9, 14-24); to 20 deg. F.

Morphology:

Leaves odd pinnately compound, 15-29 narrow, spiny leaflets,
whorled arrangement on cane, leaves have outline of stiff, crinkly barbed fern

Flowers yellow in long erect racemes, terminal early spring

Fruit powdery blue berries -- birds like them

Propagation: seed, suckers, hardwood cuttings

Usage: tropical, coniferous landscapes for vertical habit, high
leaf masses -- dramatic silhouette, vertical accent, interest plant

Landscape Care:

Watering fairly frequent to keep soil moist--somewhat drought
tolerant when established

Fertilizing no special requirements

Pruning remove tall canes close to base--prune at varying heights

Pests/Diseases mealybug -- typically where leaf comes off cane

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Berberidaceae