

Botanical Name: Berberis thunbergii 'Atropurpurea'

Common Name: Red-leaf Japanese barberry

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rounded, dense stiffly branched plant with a somewhat
angular branch pattern

Height 4-6' Spread 4-6' Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun for best color

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy, zones 1-11, 14-17

Morphology:

Leaves rounded, deep purple leaves to 1/2" across densely set on
stems

Flowers pinkish red in small groups of 2 or 3, 1/2" across in
spring

Fruit red berries, fall through winter

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent filler plant for foliage color, also good as an
informal hedge screen or barrier plant

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning head back selectively in winter to control size

Pests/Diseases none major

Special Conditions very tolerant of cold and heat

Origin: Japan, E. Asia Family: Berberidaceae