

Botanical Name: Myrsine africana

Common Name: African boxwood

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect with branches tending to grow upright; forms a  
loose, oval canopy if left unpruned

Height 3' - 6' (10') Spread 2' - 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates most dry soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8, 9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, on dark red stems; oval/round, 1/4" -  
1/2" across, dark green, leathery

Flowers insignificant; greenish-white, flowers in axillary  
clusters

Fruit insignificant; 1/8" drupe

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: filler - small textured foliage; hedges; topiary; borders;  
small or large scale landscapes; good in mass plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little after established

Pruning prune to shape desired

Pests/Diseases spider mites, thrips

Special Conditions one of the most widely distributed plants in cultivation

Origin: South Africa Family: Myrsinaceae