

Botanical Name: Cotoneaster buxifolius

Common Name: Gray-leaf cotoneaster

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character semi-evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, sprawling, angular plant with spreading, stiff,
branches covered with tiny gray leaves

Height 2' - 3' Spread 4' - 6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24)

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, oval to elliptical 1/4" - 1/2" long, gray above,
white and felted beneath

Flowers tiny white flowers, 1/2" across, red-tipped stamens -
solitary, along branches, in spring

Fruit bright red, 1/4" diameter - pome

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: low filler, bank covering, in rock gardens, rustic

landscapes - valued for foliage color and contrasting berries

Landscape Care:

Watering likes deep, fairly infrequent watering, tolerates regular
watering where drainage is good

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning head back upright branches for denser, more prostrate form

Pests/Diseases fireblight

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Tibet Family: Rosaceae