

Botanical Name: Mahonia repens

Common Name: Creeping Mahonia

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low, spreading plant, with a loose clumping habit of  
slender erect stems; the plant spreads by means of underground stems; appearance  
is like a small Oregon grape

Height 1' - 3' Spread 3' - 6' Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun along coast; shade or part shade inland

Soil tolerates most except desert alkaline habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-21): prefers locations with definite seasons

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound, alternate, with 3-7 sharply toothed  
oval-elliptic leaflets; leaves dark blue-green, 5-10" long; leaflets 1-3" long,  
leathery; new foliage is reddish-bronze

Flowers yellow, in small, mostly terminal clusters; April - June

Fruit a berry; blue, small

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings

Usage: a low filler for shaded locations, valued for its

attractive holly-like foliage, yellow flowers, and soil stabilizing capabilities

groundcover in shaded slope areas

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; the plant becomes drought-tolerant  
if grown in a shaded habitat

Fertilizing balanced, in spring

Pruning none, except to keep in bounds by controlling spread of  
underground stems

Pests/Diseases relatively free; resistant to oak root fungus

Special Conditions

Origin: British Columbia to N. Calif. Family: Berberidaceae