

Botanical Name: Mahonia bealei

Common Name: Leatherleaf mahonia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape distinctive clump, few to several erect, stiff, canelike
stems, horizontally placed foliage, forms a full, oval canopy

Height 6-10' (12') Spread 3-6' Growth Rate slow to moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers partial sun, full sun along coast

Soil moist, well draining loam--avoid heavy, alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24); thrives in cold climate areas

Morphology:

Leaves odd-pinnately compound, alternate, 7-15 oval/elliptic
leaflets, 3-5" long, spiny toothed, leathery, yellow-green, leaf 9-15" long

Flowers yellow, compressed, 1/2" long, distinctive 3-6" long
spikes arise from tips of branches -- Dec.-Feb.

Fruit 1/2" long blue berry

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: dramatic, large accent plant for its clumping form,
hollylike foliage, yellow flowers, screen, barrier, silhouette, large
container

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, becomes somewhat drought tolerant after
established

Fertilizing balanced in spring, iron for chlorosis

Pruning selectively head back oldest canes to promote new growth

Pests/Diseases scale, leaf miners

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Berberidaceae