

Botanical Name: Coprosma kirkii

Common Name: Kirk's coprosma

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, sprawling, angular plant with long prostrate  
stems; fine textured, yellow-green shiny foliage forms a dense canopy

Height 1-3' Spread 2-6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-27, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves opposite, elliptic to lanceolate, to 1-1/2" long medium  
glossy green on upper surfaces

Flowers small, greenish white, funnel shaped to 1/4" long

Fruit oblong to 1/4" long -- speckled red

Propagation: tip cuttings

Usage: good groundcover for mild drought conditions, good in  
small or medium sized planters, and on slopes for erosion control; tolerates  
salt spray and wind, good in rock gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers deep infrequent watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring if required

Pruning head back vertical upright branches to keep low and compact

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions takes part shade in hot inland areas

Origin: New Zealand Family: Rubiaceae