

Botanical Name: Aucuba japonica 'Variegata'

Common Name: Gold dust plant, Gold dust aucuba

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, dense shrub, with mostly erect branching to
form an oval-rounded canopy

Height 4-6' Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun or shade: tolerates full sun at coast

Soil prefers a well-mulched, acidic soil; tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 4-11, 14-23); prefers mild humid climates

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite on smooth green stems; ovate-oblong to
somewhat lanceolate, 3-8" long; bright, shiny green with yellow spots

Flowers (plants dioecious): if present, are small, purple, in
dense terminal panicles; summer

Fruit a drupe; pinkish buff, small, fleshy

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent medium-large filler for shaded garden
locations; valued for its distinctive foliage; tub plant, indoor plant; good
for use with ferns, azaleas, camellias, etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular irrigation but can tolerate some drought
if grown in shade

Fertilizing balanced, in spring

Pruning selectively head back to control form

Pests/Diseases spider mite, mealybug, scale

Special Conditions

Origin: East Asia Family: Cornaceae