

Botanical Name: Cotoneaster microphyllus

Common Name: Rockspray cotoneaster

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, mounding to spreading habit, stiff, arching to  
trailing branches, open growth if unpruned

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full/partial sun

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline

Hardiness hardy, (zones 2-9,14-24) best in warm habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic, tiny, 1/4" long, dark,  
glossy green above, gray green and somewhat hairy beneath

Flowers white, 1/4" across, axillary, solitary -- spring

Fruit tiny, (1/4") red pome

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: picturesque facer or low filler, valued for its rugged  
growth habit and red fruit -- good in rock gardens, rustic landscapes--can be  
used as a slope cover

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak; avoid over-watering

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning little needed--selectively head back as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free; may contract bacterial fire blight

Special Conditions

Origin: China/Tibet Family: Rosaceae