

Botanical Name: Cotoneaster horizontalis

Common Name: Rock cotoneaster

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very low, wide-spreading Cotoneaster; horizontal main stems  
stiffly branched; supports a flat, herringbone pattern of secondary branches

Height 2' - 3' Spread 5' - 10' (15') Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers moist, well draining soil, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy; avoid hot, desert conditions (zones 1-11, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, closely alternate on short spur branchlets; oval-  
obovate or round, emarginate apex, 1/4" - 1/2" long; dark, glossy green above,  
paler beneath; briefly deciduous

Flowers pinkish white, star-shaped, 5-petaled, 1/4" - 1/2" across,  
terminal clusters on lateral spur branchlets; spring-summer

Fruit red pome, shiny, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent low filler or large scale groundcover - for its  
interesting growth habit and profuse fruit display - glossy green foliage  
turns reddish bronze in winter

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates some unprolonged drought

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning none; avoid pruning tips, selectively head back to within  
canopy, DO NOT SHEAR

Pests/Diseases relatively free, fireblight

Special Conditions allow plenty of room for lateral growth

Origin: China Family: Rosaceae