

Botanical Name: Berberis nevinii (Mahonia nevinii)

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Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a large, loosely branched plant, with ascending and arching branches forming a rounded-mounding canopy; the branches are slender, cane-like, stiff, tending to arise in clumping fashion from the base

Height 5' - 10' (15') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial sun inland

Soil thrives in well-draining sandy or rocky soils, tolerates clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24): best suited to warm, dry habitats

Morphology:

Leaves odd-pinnately compound, alternate, with 3-5 stiff

leathery leaflets; the leaflets are bluish-green, lanceolate, very spiny-toothed, 1" - 3" long

Flowers yellow, in loose terminal and axillary racemes, bisexual;

March - May

Fruit a berry; small, yellow-red when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: an excellent large background mass or barrier plant,

valued for its interesting foliage and profuse yellow flowers; well suited

for erosion control

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; the plant becomes very drought resistant after established

Fertilizing little is required

Pruning selectively head back longest branches to maintain size (do not shear)

Pests/Diseases relatively free- occasionally gets leaf skeletonizer, aphid

Special Conditions

Origin: L.A. & Riverside Counties Family: Berberidaceae