



Admiration Japanese Barberry
Berberis thunbergii 'Admiration'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A well-shaped mound of bright orange-red foliage all summer long, turning to brilliant red in fall, best coloration in full sun; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, as border

Ornamental Features

Admiration Japanese Barberry has attractive dark red foliage edged in yellow which emerges scarlet in spring. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Admiration Japanese Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Admiration Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Admiration Japanese Barberry foliage
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Planting & Growing

Admiration Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.