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Japanese Euonymus

Euonymus japonicus

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Japanes Spindle Tree

Japanese Euonymus
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Japanese Euonymus foliage
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Description:

Great hedge plant with light tight branches that are great for shearing into different shapes for neat, formal appearance; rich glossy,dark-green foliage, is tolerant of salt spray

Ornamental Features

Japanese Euonymus features showy clusters of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid summer. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces pink capsules in mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Japanese Euonymus is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Japanese Euonymus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- *Mass Planting*
- *Hedges/Screening*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Topiary*

Planting & Growing

Japanese Euonymus will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is not originally from North America.

Japanese Euonymus flowers
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