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Barberry 'Pirate King'

Berberis x carminea 'Pirate King'

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Barberry (*Berberis x carminea*):

Berberis x carminea is a fast-growing berberis. It's a cross between *B. wilsoniae* and *B. aggregata*. Yellow flowers bloom in late spring, followed by clusters of orange and red berries later in the year. The leaves turn to scarlet red before they fall. *Berberis carminea* is a hardy plant that will tolerate sunny and partly shady aspects. It will grow well in all soil types as long as isn't too boggy. The sharp thorns make it good for shaping into a boundary hedge, and it can also be used to repel deer and rabbits.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs
Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	Hardiness zone Z6-9	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Height [m] 0.9 - 1.2	Heat zone H9-6	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent
Spread [m] 1 - 1.3	Winter temperatures [°C] -23 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden Coastal

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Dominant flower colour Yellow	Heat days 45 - 150	Garden spaces Banks and slopes Specimen Hedges and screens Borders
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Mid spring	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in spring Pink or purple	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Pink or purple	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Pink or purple		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings softwood cuttings seed		
Growth habit Dense		