

Darwin's Barberry

Berberis darwinii Also known as: **Barberry**

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This description is for *Darwin's Barberry (Berberis darwinii)*:

What did the berry say when he walked into a bar? A pint would be berry nice.

Darwin's Barberry is a beautiful shrub that becomes festooned with dark orange flowers during the spring. Easy to grow, it's a perfect choice for the novice gardener or those looking for a low maintenance garden. It is quite slow growing and can take up to 20 years to reach its full potential. After it's flowers fade it then boasts blue-black fruits, meaning it provides a delightful, ever-changing vista throughout the year. *Berberis darwinii* is great for hedging or screens, or as ground cover, and it enjoys either a full sunlight or partially shaded position.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p>Known dangers? yes</p>	<p>Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p>Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs</p>
<p>Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.</p>	<p>Hardiness zone Z7-9</p>	<p>Grown for Ornamental Foliage</p>

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Height [m] 3	Heat zone H9-7	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent
Spread [m] 3	Winter temperatures [°C] -18 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden Coastal
Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 60 - 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 Late spring	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Foliage in winter Green		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings seed		
Growth habit Dense Upright		