

Japanese barberry 'Golden Torch'

Berberis thunbergii 'Golden Torch' Also known as: **purple leaf barberry 'Golden Torch', Barberry 'Golden Torch'**

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This description is for species *Japanese barberry* (*Berberis thunbergii*):

The stunning Japanese Barberry comes in different varieties, all with slightly differing names and alternative coloured blooms. It can be found in colours such as red, yellow, pink, or even as a shrub that remains green all the year round. All *Berberis thunbergii* are slow growing, taking up to 20 years to reach full maturity. Different varieties will grow to different sizes. Whichever type you choose, they're all easy to grow and require little maintenance once planted.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs

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Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	Hardiness zone Z4-8	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Height [m] 1 - 1.3	Heat zone H8-5	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent
Spread [m] 0.5	Winter temperatures [°C] -34 - -7	Garden type Cottage garden Coastal
Dominant flower colour White	Heat days 30 - 120	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 Red shades		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings softwood cuttings seed		
Growth habit Upright		