

# Japanese barberry 'Kobold'

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

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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
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Shrubs
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z5-8	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Height [m]</b> 0.4	<b>Heat zone</b> H8-5	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.6	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -29 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden Coastal
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Inconspicuous or absent	<b>Heat days</b> 30 - 120	<b>Garden spaces</b> Banks and slopes Specimen Hedges and screens Borders
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Mid spring	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 20 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Pink or purple	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Pink or purple	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Red shades		
<b>Propagation methods</b> semi-ripe cuttings softwood cuttings seed		
<b>Growth habit</b> Dense Rounded		