

Wintergreen Barberry

Berberis julianae Also known as: **Chinese Barberry, Barberry**

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This description is for **Wintergreen Barberry (*Berberis julianae*)**:

If you ever visit a Chinese bar, you might spot the Chinese Barberry.

The Wintergreen Barberry is a dark shaded evergreen that blossoms into clusters of yellow or red-tinged flowers during the late springtime. These are followed by black fruits in the autumn. It's quite a large plant, although is slow growing and can take 20 years to attain its full height. This hardy, easy to grow plant requires little on-going maintenance, making it the ideal choice for the time-short gardener. Be aware that *Berberis julianae* is toxic if ingested, so perhaps not the best if you have small children.



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| Plant | Environment | Usage |
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| 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 |

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| Height [m] 3 | Heat zone H9-4 | Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent |
| Spread [m] 3 | Winter temperatures [°C] -23 - -1 | Garden type Cottage garden Coastal |
| Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent | Heat days 14 - 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 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 | | |