Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus

Euonymus japonicus 'Microphyllus Pulchellus'



Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

Bright golden-yellow variegated new foliage matures to deep green later in season; seaside salt tolerance; a great low hedge plant with dense branches that tolerate shearing for a formal appearance, or leave to its natural shape

Ornamental Features

Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus has attractive yellow-variegated dark green foliage with hints of gold which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Variegated Boxleaf Japanese Euonymus makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.