Summer Runner Wintercreeper

Euonymus fortunei 'Mickaela'



Summer Runner Wintercreeper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Wintercreeper Euonymus

Description:

A dense, compact spreading selection, featuring stunning yellow variegated evergreen leaves that turn shades of pink in fall; a superb color accent for borders, containers or as a groundcover

Ornamental Features

Summer Runner Wintercreeper has attractive yellow-variegated dark green foliage on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding pink in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces orange berries from early to mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Summer Runner Wintercreeper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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

Summer Runner Wintercreeper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Summer Runner Wintercreeper will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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 typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Summer Runner Wintercreeper makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.