Pow Wow Japanese Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'Pow Wow'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This is a compact, well-shaped mound of golden foliage in spring; turns chartreuse with cream mottling and tinged with red during summer; brilliant fall color; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, as border



Pow Wow Japanese Barberry foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Pow Wow Japanese Barberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The fruits are showy red drupes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has attractive creamy white-spotted chartreuse foliage with hints of pink which emerges gold in spring. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall. It has clusters of yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring, which are interesting on close inspection.



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Landscape Attributes

Pow Wow Japanese Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Pow Wow Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Pow Wow Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.