# Coral Pearls Cotoneaster

***Cotoneaster franchetii***



*Coral Pearls Cotoneaster*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Wintergreen Cotoneaster

**Description:**

Attractive glossy leaves and fall color; has dense, tightly held branches; pretty pink flowers in spring along the branches, followed by striking red fruit in fall, prune vigorous shoots only after flowering for best shape and remove dead wood at winter

**Ornamental Features**

Coral Pearls Cotoneaster is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent scarlet berries from late summer to late fall. It has attractive grayish green foliage with white undersides. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding brick red in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It features tiny clusters of shell pink flowers along the branches in late spring.

**Landscape Attributes**

Coral Pearls Cotoneaster is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Coral Pearls Cotoneaster is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Coral Pearls Cotoneaster will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 species is not originally from North America.