Variegated Wintercreeper

Euonymus fortunei 'Variegatus'



Variegated Wintercreeper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Tricolor Wintercreeper Euonymus

Description:

A spreading broadleaf evergreen shrub with attractive green and cream variegated foliage; use in the garden as a color accent or for a bold mass planting, makes a phenomenal groundcover

Ornamental Features

Variegated Wintercreeper has attractive dark green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of pink on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces orange capsules from mid to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated 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

Variegated Wintercreeper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Variegated Wintercreeper will grow to be about 18 inches 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. It grows at a fast 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. 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.