



Sunsation Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'Sunsation'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

An incredible golden-leaved variety with a compact and dense growth habit, makes a great low hedge; golden foliage with an orange cast most of the season; a brilliant colour contrast for the garden or foundation planting; needs a sheltered location

Ornamental Features

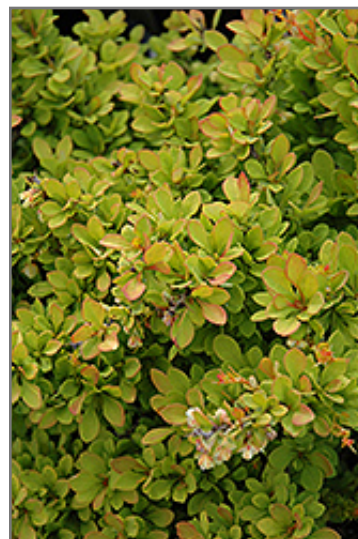
Sunsation Barberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The fruits are showy scarlet drupes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has attractive gold deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding harvest gold in the fall. It features tiny clusters of yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring.

Landscape Attributes

Sunsation 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.



Sunsation Barberry
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Sunsation Barberry foliage
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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

Sunsation Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Sunsation Barberry will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. 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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.