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Green Hornet Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'Grhozam'



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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A beautiful compact, low growing variety sporting emerald green foliage, turning a brilliant orange-red in fall; flowers are inconspicuous; needs regular watering

Ornamental Features

Green Hornet Barberry has attractive dark green foliage with teal undersides on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding harvest gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Green Hornet Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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

Green Hornet Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Green Hornet Barberry will grow to be about 15 inches 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Green Hornet Barberry makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.