Purpleleaf Wintercreeper

Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Wintercreeper Euonymus



Purpleleaf Wintercreeper
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Description:

A highly popular groundcover or climbing vine with shiny green evergreen foliage that turns a beautiful purple in winter; vigorous and spreading, highly regarded as an effective groundcover by modern designers, also one of the hardiest varieties

Ornamental Features

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper has dark green evergreen foliage on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding plum purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.



Purpleleaf Wintercreeper in fall
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Landscape Attributes

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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.



Purpleleaf Wintercreeper foliage
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