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Sunjoy® Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry Berberis thunbergii 'Kasia'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

### **Description:**

This compact dwarf is a well-shaped mound of bright yellow foliage that turns orange-red in fall; grown primarily for foliage; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, or as a border

#### **Ornamental Features**

Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry has attractive gold foliage edged in orange which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

#### Landscape Attributes

Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese 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.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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

Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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- Mass Planting

- Border Edging

- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 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.



Sunjoy Mini Saffron Japanese Barberry (pruned as hedge) Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder