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First Editions® Daybreak Japanese Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'Daybreak'



First Editions Daybreak Japanese Barberry foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A standout shrub producing bright yellow foliage that emerges orange-red, maturing to golden tones in fall; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, or as a border

Ornamental Features

First Editions Daybreak Japanese Barberry is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive yellow deciduous foliage which emerges orange in spring. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall.



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Landscape Attributes

First Editions Daybreak 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 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

First Editions Daybreak Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

First Editions Daybreak Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 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.