Bearberry Cotoneaster

Cotoneaster dammeri



Bearberry Cotoneaster
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Bearberry Cotoneaster

Description:

An excellent low spreading groundcover, featuring white flowers in spring and cherry red fruit in fall; evergreen leaves require adequate snow cover or protection from winter sun and wind in exposed locations

Ornamental Features

Bearberry Cotoneaster is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. It features tiny clusters of white flowers along the branches in late spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The small glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Bearberry Cotoneaster is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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;

- Insects

Bearberry Cotoneaster is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Bearberry Cotoneaster flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Bearberry Cotoneaster will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.