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Euonymus - Growing Guide

Growing Euonymum

Spindle tree

Euonymus, as a genus, are all completely hardy plants but different species have very different habits and very different uses in the garden. Here we have divided them into three categories; those which are mound forming evergreen ornamental groundcover shrubs with very colourful foliage and suitable for shrub or herbaceous borders (even as climbers or wall shrubs in some cases), those which are suitable for hedging, and those which are free standing ornamental shrubs in the woodland garden with impressive autumn colouration or spectacular ‘spindle’ berries.

Euonymus flowers tend to be fairly nondescript and unexciting but, in autumn, they all produce winged, lobed or spherical ornamental fruits in a range of colours. These fruits split to reveal the seeds which can be sown in containers in the cold frame as soon as they are ripe and nearly shedding in autumn. Deciduous and lower growing E. fortunei cultivars species can generally be propagated from greenwood cuttings while other evergreen species and varieties are best taken later from semi-ripe wood.

Ornamental groundcover shrubs – E. fortunei cultivars

Euonymus fortunei 'Blondy'

‘Emerald Gaity’ – is a compact and bushy form with light green leaves and white margins that are tinged pink in winter.

Euonymus 'Emerald Gaity'

Euonymus 'Emerald 'n' Gold'

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E. 'Emerald 'n' Gold' & 'Silver Queen'

Euonymus 'Gold Harlequin'

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Euonymus fortunei 'Harlequin'

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Euonymus fortunei 'Harlequin'

Euonymus 'Silver Queen'

Euonymus fortunei 'Silver Queen'

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Euonymus 'Sunspot'

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Euonymus 'Woolong Ghost'

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E. japonicus (Japanese spindle) is a dense, erect and bushy evergreen shrub which can grow to 10-12ft. It is very resilient in the face of winds and salt spray and is often therefore clipped and formed into a 4-5ft hedge in coastal gardens.

Euonymus japonicus

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Euonymus japonicus & japonicus 'Aureus'

E. japonicus ‘Aureus’

E. japonicus 'Kathy'

E. microphyllus 'Albovariegatus'

E. microphyllus pulchellus variegatus

Euonymus albomarginatus

E. alatus, the Winged spindle from China, grows to around 6ft in height with a wider spread. This is a bushy shrub with dense branching and ‘corky’ bark. It comes into its own in the autumn at Burncoose on the drive where it puts on the most marvellous dark red leaf display which can hold for several weeks in calmer weather.

Euonymus alatus

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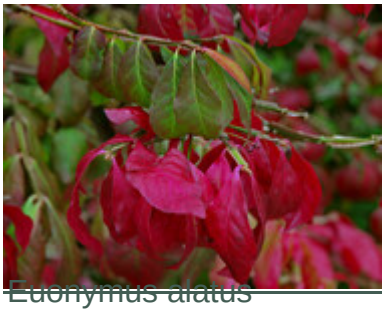

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E. europaeus ‘Red Cascade’

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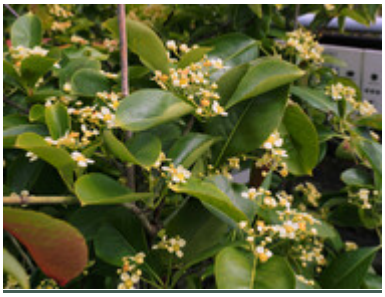
E. grandiflorus ‘Ruby Wine’

Euonymus 'Ruby Wine'



Euonymus 'Ruby Wine'

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Euonymus 'Coral Charm'

Euonymus phellomanus

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Euonymus planipes

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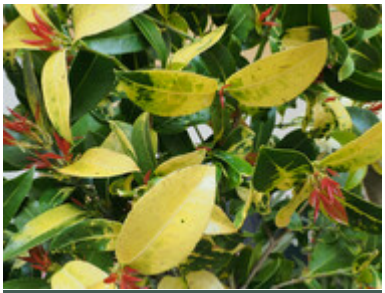
Euonymus lucidus



Euonymus lucidus

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These include:

E. tingens which is also a large semi-evergreen and spreading tree in maturity at Caerhays with pink tinged flowers in summer and pink fruit capsules.

Euonymus tingens

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Euonymus tingens

Euonymus morrisonensis

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