

x *Mahoberberis aquisargentii* - Growing Guide

Growing x *Mahoberberis Aquisargentii*

These plants are hybrids between *Mahonia* and *Berberis* which have occurred occasionally in gardens where these two genera are grown together and *Mahonia* has been the seed or mother parent.

x *Mahoberberis aquisargentii* is a cross between *Mahonia aquifolium* and the evergreen *Berberis sargentiana*. The result is a splendid and unusual medium sized evergreen shrub with an upright habit which will eventually grow to 6-8ft in height. The leathery leaves vary considerably in shape. Some are slender, stalked and lanceolate, up to 8in long and spine toothed while others are only 2-3in long with short stalks and vicious spines. The flowers are small and yellow and borne in terminal clusters in April or May even on young plants. After the flowers black berries form although these are sterile as is often the case in crosses between two completely separate genera from separate continents. *M. aquifolium* comes from North America and *Berberis sargentiana* from W. China.

This is a hardy plant suitable for the shrub border or woodland garden. Semi-ripe cuttings can be rooted in September or October when set in a mist bench with bottom heat over winter. Rooting takes place slowly.



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