Brass Buckle® Japanese Holly

Ilex crenata 'ANNYS1'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Box-leaved Holly

Description:

Valued for its spectacular yellow foliage on the upper branches that stand out against the green foliage below; one of the most dwarf Japanese hollies, perfect for small areas and containers; can be sheared for a formal appearance



Brass Buckle Japanese Holly foliage
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Ornamental Features

Brass Buckle Japanese Holly is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive yellow evergreen foliage. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain yellow throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Brass Buckle Japanese Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Brass Buckle Japanese Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Brass Buckle Japanese Holly will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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