Sunjoy Orange Pillar® Japanese Barberry

Berberis thunbergii 'NCBT3'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A notably upright shrub with vibrant orange-red foliage all summer long, turning to brilliant scarlet-orange in fall; very showy, great as a color contrast in the landscape; plant on slopes, in beds, or on borders

Ornamental Features

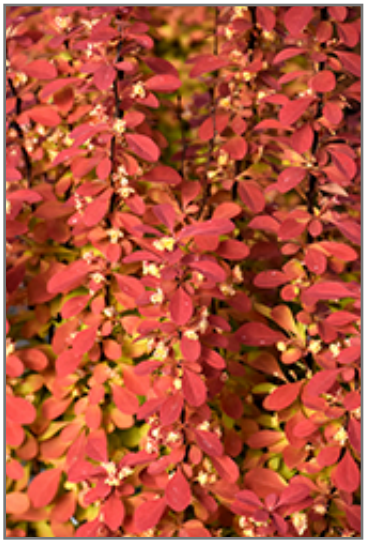
Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has clusters of buttery yellow flowers along the branches in mid spring, which are interesting on close inspection. It has attractive orange-variegated red foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges orange in spring. The small oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of scarlet, orange and yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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



Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry foliage
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Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry will grow to be about 4 feet 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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.

Sunjoy Orange Pillar Japanese Barberry makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.