



Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike

Aucuba japonica 'Mr. Goldstrike'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A perfect solution for bold color in the most shaded garden areas; perfect for containers; ideal as a dense screen; protect from cold winter winds

Ornamental Features

Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike has attractive yellow-spotted dark green foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Aucuba, Mr. Goldstrike foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



This shrub should only be grown in a shady location. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, 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.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.