



## **Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf**

*Euonymus japonicus 'Microphyllus Variegatus'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

### **Description:**

Small glossy dark-green foliage features creamy white margins with some golden highlights; seaside salt tolerance; a great low hedge plant with dense branches that tolerate shearing for a formal appearance, or leave to its natural shape

### **Ornamental Features**

Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf has attractive dark green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of gold on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

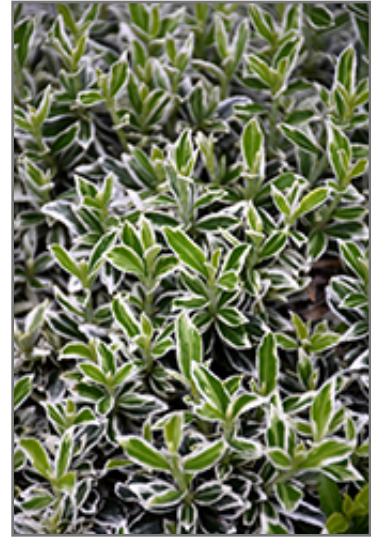
### **Landscape Attributes**

Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting



*Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf foliage*

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## **Planting & Growing**

Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Euonymus, Variegated Boxleaf makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.

## **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.