

## Aucuba japonica

### (Aucuba, Japanese Acuba, Japanese Laurel)

Aucuba japonica is very slow-growing evergreen shrub tolerates a wide range of soils (sandy and loamy) , performs well in deep shade, and has attractive glossy green leaves and bright-red fruit .The variegated forms brighten any area in the landscape with deep shade. leaves on plants receiving sun in the summer or winter will become chlorotic.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Aucuba du Japon

**Pronunciation:** aw-KEW-buh juh-PAW-nick-uh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Japan

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10

**Uses:** Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Leathery

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green, Yellow

**Color(changing season):** Green, Yellow

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Diecious (Monosexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green, Red

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Green, Red

**Seasons:** Spring

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Fruit Image



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