**Berberis spp.**
*Barberry*

**Family:** Berberidaceae. (USDA 2011)

**Blooming season:**
Late May to early June. (Kane)

**Plant:**
Mature height is about 5 feet, perennial, looks like a bush with prickers. (USDA 2011)

**Leaves:**
Small green or reddish leaves, rounded egg shaped, entire, grouped in a cluster of 5 to 7 leaves, scattered on the branches. (USDA 2011)

**Flower:**
Small yellow, 6 petals. ("Japanese barberry,"")

**Fruit:** Red single fruit that hangs down.

**Geographic range:**
State: Not native to Michigan but is an exotic and invasive species. Found throughout Michigan, mostly for decoration.

Region: Most of the lower 48 and southern Canada. (USDA 2011)

**Habitat:**
Local: gardens
Region: Woods, a sunny or partly sunny spot. Found in a place where the soil is moist and has at least some nutrients. It does not grow well in sand. (USDA 2011)
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Common local companions:
Other leafy bushes such as other species of Berberis. Grows with many native plants, unfortunately it out competes many of them. *USDA 2011*

Uses:
Medicinally used for treating conjunctivitis and many other eye problems, garden decoration.

Why is it called that?

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