



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 pricklers. (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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