

# **Euonymus,** Spindle Tree (*Celastraceae*)



#### alatus

Origin: China. Deciduous tree with erect habit; branches have a very unusual cork-like bark. Oval green leaves, turn scarlet tinged with pink and violet in autumn. Unattractive flowers. Fruit: in autumn, round purple capsules with prominent orange seeds, very attractive but rare. No particular soil requirements. Use as single specimen, in groups, or as natural hedge.

## alatus "Compactus"

Origin: USA. Deciduous shrub which, compared with above variety, is smaller, more compact and grows more slowly. The leaves are almost identical and their autumn colours even brighter. Growing requirements and use: as above.







#### fortunei

Euonymus fortunei is an evergreen shrub, native to China with prostrate habit, excellent ground cover. Oval leaves, 5cm, fairly leathery, dark green (that in autumn take on pink and red tones). Small, white, spherical fruit. Grows well in poor soil, and also in pots, on terraces and balconies. When it is grown as a climber against a support it can reach a height of several meters.

# fortunei Blondy® "Interbowli"

Long yellow branches, and small leaves with yellow patches. Growing requirements and use: as above.







#### fortunei "Canadale Gold"

Very similar to E. f. "Emerald'n Gold", but more vigorous. Foliage edged with bright yellow. Growing requirements and use: as Euonymus fortunei.

#### fortunei "Emerald Gaiety"

Small deep bluish-green leaves with white margins. Growing requirements and use: as Euonymus fortunei.







#### fortunei "Emerald'n Gold"

Very similar to the previous version, except leaves are edged in goldenyellow. Same growing requirements and use.

### fortunei "Harlequin"

Dwarf vegetation, compact, very ground covering. Evergreen oval leaves, 2-4 cm, are green, with white marks and spots. Growing requirements and use: as for Euonymus fortunei.







#### japonicus, Evergreen Spindle Tree

Origin: Japan, China, Korea. Evergreen shrub with dense, upright habit. The bark of the young branches is green and later becomes brown. Leaves from obovate to narrowly oval, leathery, toothed, glossy dark green, up to 7cm long and 4cm wide. Not very showy flowers with 4 greenish-yellow petals in June-July. Fruit: rare in October-November, small, white tinged with pink. Very resistant to maritime climate, grows well in all types of soil, even sandy as long as it is permeable. Withstands any type of pruning and is used in hedges in maritime localities. Often grown in troughs.

### japonicus "Benkomasaki"

apanese plant, quite unique for the erect fastigiate habit of branches that are entirely covered in shiny green evergreen small leaves. Has no particular soil requirements and is particular good in pots, troughs and rock gardens.







#### japonicus "Bravo"

Origin: France. Evergreen, upright, compact shrub. The bark of the young plants is creamy-white and then becomes green. Elegant leaves, oval, obtuse, up to 6cm long, 3cm wide, dark green in the centre with wide creamy-white margins. Everything else is the same as Euonymus japonicus.

### japonicus "Compactus"

Evergreen shrub with rounded habit, very dense and compact. Oval leaves, 3-5cm long, 1.5-2cm wide, bright, dark green, finely toothed. Does not require pruning, excellent for low hedges, pots and troughs.







#### japonicus "Compactus Albomarginatus"

Evergreen shrub with upright, dense, compact habit. Dark green, oval leaves, 3-5cm long, with narrow white margins. Flowers, fruit, growing requirements and use the same as Euonymus japonicus.

#### japonicus "Elegantissimus Aureus" (E. japonicus "Aureomarginatus")

Evergreen shrub, upright, compact with green bark on the young branches, later becoming darker. Leathery leaves, oval, pointed, finely toothed, green in the centre with golden yellow margins (sometimes half the leaf is yellow), 6cm long, 3-4cm wide. Flowers and fruit the same as Euonymus japonicus. Tolerates maritime exposure and is used a lot for borders, in pots and troughs.







# japonicus "Mediopictus"(E. japonicus "Duc d'Anjou")(E. japonicus "Aureopictus")

Origin: France. Evergreen shrub of upright habit, densely branched with bright yellow bark on the young branches, then green with a few yellow markings. Rigid leaves, oval or oval-elongate, finely toothed, up to 6cm long and 3.5cm wide. The margins are dark green and the centre is unevenly marked in bright yellow also visible on the underside. Sometimes the leaves suffer regression and become entirely green. Tolerant of maritime exposure, used a lot for hedges, in pots and troughs.

# japonicus 'Président Gauthier'

Origin: France. Upright shrub of dense habit when young. Later the branches develop more vigorously, a little sparse and spreading. If they find a support they will reach a height of 5m. Bark of the young branches is a shiny, pale green, very ornamental. Leathery leaves, oval or oval-rounded, up to 7cm long, toothed margins, dark green with bluish parts and creamy-white edges. Same requirements as E. japonicus and is grown a lot in pots and troughs.







# pulchellus(E. japonicus "Microphyllus")(E. japonicus "Pulchellus")

Evergreen, dwarf shrub, densely branched, compact, can be used as a good alternative to Buxus semp. "Suffruticosa" to form borders, especially in coastal areas. Tiny, dense, lanceolate leaves, 1-2cm long, 10mm wide, dark green. Same growing requirements as E. japonicus.

# pulchellus "Argenteovariegatus"(E. japonicus "Pulchellus Argenteovariegatus")

Identical to previous plant but the small leaves have white margins.







# pulchellus "Aureovariegatus" (E. japonicus "Pulchellus Aureovariegatus")

Identical to Euonymus pulchellus, but the small leaves have yellow margins.