

*Cotoneaster*

## Cotoneaster (*Rosaceae*)



### **franchetii**

Origin: China, Burma. Medium sized shrub with round habit and long, arching branches. Evergreen leaves, 2-4 cm (deciduous in very cold temperatures), dark green. Large white or pink inflorescences in June-July. Reddish-orange fruit from September to February. Suitable for hedges.

### **lacteus**

Origin: China. Evergreen shrub of spreading habit and with strongly arching branches. Elliptic leaves, 3-8cm, dark green on upper side, grey and lanuginous on the underside. Flowers: cream inflorescences in the form of corymbs, 5-7.5cm wide. Abundant fruit, small, red and egg-shaped. The fruits colour later than in other Cotoneaster, but last longer. Forms beautiful hedges.



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**horizontalis**

Origin: China. Small deciduous shrub with branches arranged horizontally. Round leaves, 6-12 mm, round, glossy dark green with beautiful shades of red and orange in autumn. White or pinkish flowers in May on the previous years branches. Bright red fruit from October to January. Grows well in all types of soil, tolerates pollution.

**horizontalis "Variegatus"**

Variety of the previous description but slower growing and smaller. Interesting because of the colour of the small green leaves with cream margins, tinged in pink in autumn. Otherwise it is the same as Cotoneaster horizontalis.



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### **salicifolius "Repens"**

Evergreen shrub with creeping arched branches that swiftly carpet the ground, without putting down roots. Glossy green oval leaves, 2-3.5 cm. Numerous white flowers, followed by abundant light red fruits. Thrives in all garden soils, tolerates pollution. Excellent as groundcover, in rock gardens, slopes or pots.