



Gold Dust Aucuba

7-10



- **Category:** Perennial & Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Shade
- **Blooms:** Spring
- **Flowers:** Red
- **Fruit:** Red
- **Foliage:** Green / Variegated
- **Form:** Oval / Upright
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 4'h x 3'w
- **Zones:** 7 to 10
- **Drought Tolerance:** Low
- **Scientific Name:** *Aucuba japonica*
- **Usage:** Specimen, Accent, Foundation, Mass, Border



Introduction

Aucuba is a natural for informal plantings, while the dense, compact form makes it useful as a freestanding specimen in small areas. Only female plants bear red berries in fall and winter, provided there is a male plant close by. Aucuba makes a nice houseplant, and it performs well in a container in the shade.

Use and Management

Aucuba is a great shrub for planting under pines or other tall trees and does well along the foundation on the north side of a building. It prefers a rich, sandy loam with some organic matter but they adapt successfully to a heavier soil as long as drainage is good. They are best when in mass, planted close together because they grow so slowly. Plant 2 to 3 feet apart for the best landscape effect.

Characteristics

- Low maintenance
- Coarse texture
- Slow growth
- Likes shade but will take some sun

Planting

- Typically planted in 1, 3, and 5 gal containers.

