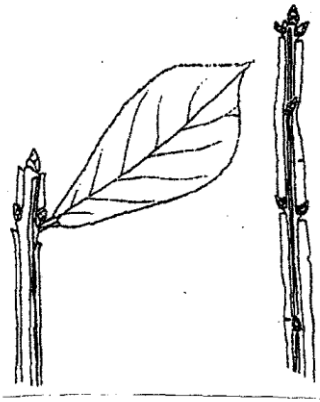


Winged Euonymous



GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This is not a shrub for the small garden unless one uses one of the compact cultivars. The winged euonymous is a vigorous shrub with a very pleasant rounded appearance, a somewhat layered look, very pleasing leaves and winged bark and spectacular brilliant red fall foliage. Some people refer to it as "burning bush". It is often used as a hedge where it functions quite well. However in the smaller landscape it is often necessary *to* prune it back substantially every few years. This plant takes well to severe pruning but it does change the natural character of the plant. The graceful form, winged bark and fall color make the winged euonymous a very useful shrub.

HABIT AND SIZE: A spreading shrub that is wider than high with a mounded to flat-topped outline. The opposite branching gives a layered look. It can grow to 20' high but more often is a 8-10' shrub. Can be pruned to contain size and can be forced into a hedge form.

LANDSCAPE VALUE: Extremely useful as a specimen, in a grouping, as a barrier or hedge. Pleasing aristocratic form, brilliant fall color and winter interest due to winged bark.

LEAVES: Oppositely arranged, elliptic or obovate, 1-2" long and 0.5-1.25" wide, acute at the tip and tapering at the base. The margin is finely and sharply serrate. There is a petiole of 0.5" and the color is medium to dark green and smooth or somewhat downy beneath. Fall color is a fluorescent pinkish red to vibrant red. Dry conditions promote early coloration.

FLOWERS: 1-3 small greenish-yellow flowers in a cyme in May-June. Perfect 4-5 parted flowers.

FRUIT: 0.25-0.33" long red capsule containing seeds with an orange red aril. September.

BUD: With 6-8 pairs of overlapping green-brown-red scales. Conical, ovoid acute in shape. Smooth and shiny and sticking out from the stem so that it forces the leaves to diverge.

DISEASES AND INSECTS: None serious.

HARDINESS AND RANGE: Zones 4-8(9). Northeastern Asia to central China.

CULTIVARS: