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'Pink Lady' winterberry euonymus

Euonymus bungeanus Maxim.



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Description

'Pink Lady' is a large, long-lived, deciduous shrub that grows to a height and spread of 15 to 25 feet. The shrub is usually multiple-stemmed at or near its base.

The light-green leaves are bright and shiny when they are small and grow rapidly to a length of 2 to 4 inches. Slender petioles cause the older leaves to droop. The foliage is rather open, so that the light-brown bark of the older branches adds contrast to the light-green leaves. In the fall, leaf color ranges from yellow-to-reddish or brownish.

The flowers are inconspicuous, but the fruits are brilliant red. They are four-lobed capsules, some of which often remain on the plants after the leaves have fallen. As the capsules open, the exposed red coat of the seed lends additional color to the plants. The leaf, fruit, and seed color is the basis for the name 'Pink Lady.'

Source

Seed was collected in 1924 from a specimen plant growing from a stone wall on the Temple of Heaven grounds in Peking, China. The collected seed was received at Beltsville, Maryland in 1925, and in 1927 distributed to the Southern Great Plains Field Station in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Conservation Uses

'Pink Lady' winterberry euonymus may be used alone, in clumps, in single rows, or in multiple rows as windbreaks. The plant is suitable as an ornamental or for soil stabilization. It provides desirable habitat for game and songbirds throughout the year.

Area of Adaptation and Use

'Pink Lady' winterberry euonymus is winter-hardy as far north as southern Wyoming. It is known to be adapted to the plains areas of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and north Texas; it is most likely adapted to most of the central United States.

Establishment and Management for Conservation Plantings

For field establishment, two-year-old bare-root plants can be used under favorable conditions. Potted material has proved to be more successful on difficult sites such as roadsides. Care should be taken to control unwanted vegetation in areas planted with winterberry euonymus.

Ecological Considerations

This plant has no serious pests.

Seed and Plant Production

Plants may be grown from recently harvested, open-pollinated seed. Seed should be either fall-planted or stratified for spring planting. Potted material has been more successful on difficult sites.

Availability

Seed is available from the Plant Materials Centers in Los Lunas, New Mexico and Manhattan, Kansas.

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