



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Red Barberry or Algerita

Berberis haematocarpa

DESCRIPTION: This native evergreen shrub has gray-green holly-like leaves on wand-like woody stems. It can eventually reach 6 to 8 feet tall and almost as wide, but the growth rate is slow to moderate. Flowers occur in the spring are bright yellow on spikes, followed in the summer by red berries. Red Barberry is native to much of the middle elevations of Arizona and New Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: The spiny leaves make this a great barrier plant. The attractive form shows it off as a garden accent or in a desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to 15°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun, but can tolerate light shade.



Watering and feeding: Water regularly to establish. Watering can be reduced later. No fertilization needed in the ground.



Soil requirements: Needs good drainage



Pruning: Lightly as needed in late summer or early fall.