

Wintergreen Korean Boxwood (*Buxus sinica* var. *insularis* 'Wintergreen')

Korean littleleaf boxwood, is a dense, compact, many-branched, broad, mounded evergreen shrub with a loose and open growing habit. A slow grower (to 1.5" per year) which is typically grown as a 2-2.5' tall shrub with a larger spread, but which can reach 5' tall after 25 years if not pruned lower. It is extremely hardy variety. Greenish yellow flowers (separate male and female flowers on the same plant) appear in spring. Flowers are sparse and insignificant, but quite fragrant. It has



small, ovate, light yellowish green to medium green leaves (to 3/4" long).

Plant Care and Maintenance: Best grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Prefers sun-dappled part shade and moist, sandy loams with a slightly acidic to slightly alkaline pH. Tolerant of pruning and shearing. Avoid cultivating around plants because they have shallow roots. Roots appreciate a good mulch (1-2 "). Thin plants and remove dead/damaged branches annually to improve air circulation. Do not overwater.

References: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org