

Creeping Wintergreen

Gaultheria procumbens

SPECS

Height:	6-8"
Spread:	1-2'
Shape:	groundcover
Foliage:	evergreen
Fall Color:	burgundy
Flowers:	pinkish-white
Fruit:	red
Zone:	3

DESCRIPTION

Creeping Wintergreen is an attractive evergreen. This rhizomatous plant creeps to form a low, spreading groundcover. Its leaves are glossy dark green, turning shades of burgundy to purple for winter. Tiny urn shaped flowers are borne in spring and sporadically throughout the summer. Large red fruits appear in fall and are showy through winter. Both the leaves and fruit are aromatic when crushed, and have been used to extract Wintergreen oil.

Creeping Wintergreen will grow well in cool areas with moist acidic soil that is well-drained. Utilize with other acid-loving plants for a groundcover that supplies interest in every season.



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