



Trial of *Berberis thunbergii*
2004-2009



An Invited RHS Woody Plant Trial

Objectives:

- To identify the best and most distinctive cultivars and recommend the AGM
- To establish correct nomenclature and obtain a permanent record through herbarium specimens, photographs and written descriptions
- To produce a Bulletin including AGMs, findings, cultivation and images.

The Woody Trials Assessment Panel assessed the trial and recommended the Society's **AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT** to:

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Admiration'** AGM (H4) 2009

[No42] Submitted by Valkplant BV, Valkenburgerlaan 64, 2771 DA Boskoop, Netherlands.
29 suppliers in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: A unique orange red dwarf, developing a golden marginal ring in summer.

***Berberis thunbergii* 'Boum'** AGM (H4) 2009

[No27] Submitted by RHS purchased from Pépinières Philippe Leclercq, 31 rue du
11Novembre, 62138 Billy-Berclau (Nord), France;

2 suppliers in *RHS PlantFinder* (additionally, New Place Nurseries are propagating which
will extend availability).

Comments: The best green and cream variegated entry with bright scarlet berries
complementing the foliage in the autumn.

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Carmen'** AGM (H4) 2009

[No49] Submitted by Hardijzer Nurseries, Van Ostadestraat 7, 2391 ED Hazerswoude-
Dorp, Netherlands

1 supplier in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: A low growing, deep purple leaved plant of intense colour and glossy foliage,
showing good mildew resistance. Good dark flowers.

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Darts Purple'**

[No52] Submitted by Darthuizer Boomwekerien B.V., Boomkwekerjen B.V., Broekweg 3,
3956 NE Leersum, Netherlands.

1 supplier in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: Low growing, mounded shrub with deep purple foliage, showing mildew
resistance.

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Dart's Red Lady'** AGM (H4) 2009

[No53] Submitted by Darthuizer Boomwekerien B.V., Boomkwekerjen B.V., Broekweg 3,
3956 NE Leersum, Netherlands.

23 suppliers in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: Consistently good, low growing shrub with excellent dark, glossy foliage;
virtually mildew free.

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Harlequin'** AGM (H4) 2009
[No30 and No36] Submitted by New Place Nurseries, London Road, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1AT and Andre Briant Jeunes Plants.
24 suppliers in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: Cream and purple variegated, medium sized shrub which responds well to pruning.

***Berberis thunbergii* 'Maria'** AGM (H4) 2009
[No14] Submitted by Van Vliet New Plants BV, Stroeerweg 45, 3776 MG Stroe, The Netherlands.
10 suppliers in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: The best medium sized yellow foliated plant of this group, retaining colour through the season.

The following AGM is to be awarded SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY:

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Fireball'** AGM (H4) 2009
[No43] Submitted by Valkplant BV. Valkenburgerlaan 64, 2771 DA Boskoop. Netherlands.
Not listed in *RHS PlantFinder*.

Comments: A stunning, neat, low growing plant with bright red foliage. One of the most outstanding entries in the trial.

EXISTING AGMs were RECONFIRMED on completion of the trial:

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Atropurpurea Nana'** AGM (H4) 1993
[No2 and No3] Submitted by New Place Nurseries and Darthuizer Nurseries.
Widely available in *RHS PlantFinder*.

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Rose Glow'** AGM (H4) 1993
[No37,] Submitted by Andre Briant Jeunes Plants and New Place Nurseries.
Widely available in *RHS PlantFinder*.

The following AGMs were not reconfirmed during trial and will be considered at the Sunset Review in 2012:

***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Bagatelle'** AGM (H4) 1993 [No4]
***Berberis x ottawensis* f. *purpurea* 'Superba'** AGM (H4) 1993 [No69]
***Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Red Chief'** AGM (H4) 1993 [No64, No65]
***Berberis x ottawensis* 'Golden Ring'** AGM (H4) 2002 [No63]

Signed	Chairman Woody Plant Committee
Dated	

OFFICE USE ONLY AGM Registered on the RHS Horticultural Database:

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