

## LEUCOTHOE 'Curly Red'

Origin: Introduced by Ron van Opstal Boomkwekerijen BV Holland.

Species: *Leucothoe axillaris*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent: # 17,666

### Characteristics:

The variety was found in 1996 as a sport of the variety 'Zeblid'. This densely branched broadleaf evergreen shrub features thick, leathery, curly leaves that change colors with the seasons. The young shoots are orange-red maturing to a dark bronze green and then turning a deep red in the autumn. This conspicuous plant is ideal for planting in containers or the garden. 'Curly Red' is a good cover for shady banks and looks great in mass plantings. It is well suited as an undergrowth plant, and mixes well with green foliage shrubs. 'Curly Red' lends itself to topiary culture. Selling hint: when trimmed to resemble a Christmas tree, the rich red color gives a festive holiday tone to the plant.

Hardiness: USDA Zone 7 but possibly Zone 6.

Bloom: White - typical of species

Foliage: Leathery, glossy burgundy red leaves.

Habit: Approximately 16" tall x 18" wide.

Propagation: Cuttings. *License required to propagate.*

Culture: Prefers moist, acid, well-drained soil in partial shade, but can grow in full sun if kept moist.

