



Plant Release Bulletin #7

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Botanical Name

Buxus 'Glencoe'

Family

Buxaceae

Common Name

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Origin

A selected hybrid from the research collections of the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois.

Hardiness

U.S.D.A. Zone 4 (possibly better). Plants under evaluation withstood record low temperatures (-22°F to -37°F) with no dieback in the winter of 1993-94.

General Description and Habit

A broadleaf evergreen shrub with a dense, broad-oval habit.

Size

Grows 3' to 4' in height with a 5' spread in 15 years.

Growth Rate

Slow to medium; typically less than 6" annually.

Ornamental Characteristics

Foliage

Attractive medium-green in summer, developing a slight bronze tint in winter.

Culture

Easily transplanted B & B or from containers. Best sited in filtered sun, although performance of evaluation plants in full sun, as well as shaded locations, has been good. Extremely wet sites should be avoided.

Pest and Disease Resistance

Excellent. Boxwood psyllid has been observed periodically but has not significantly affected ornamental qualities.

Landscape Value

Excellent for hedges, borders, accents, groupings, foundation plantings and formal gardens.

Propagation

Hardwood or softwood cuttings.

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