LITTLE DIPPER®

Cotoneaster procumbens 'Gerald'
pp#22,760
Common name: cotoneaster

Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 8
Mature height:	6-8"/15-20 cm
Exposure:	Part shade-sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:

- Fine-textured, low-growing plant is perfect for groundcover or growing on walls
- Hundreds of white spring flowers turn to red fruit that resembles tiny apples
- Prostrate habit means it does not catch leaves or trash like other cotoneasters
- Deer resistant

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Cultural info:

pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2
Nutrient Needs:	Average
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9
Light Level:	Moderate-high
Watering:	Moderate
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)
Sales Window:	All season; spring bloom, summer fruit
Blooms On:	Old wood
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 3-5 times
Vernalization:	Required
Vigor Rating:	Average

Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	12-14 • 11-13 • 10-12
2 - 3 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	20-24 • 18-22 • 16-20

Grower Tips:

- Very short height will not shade neighboring crops, so helps maximize spacing in the nursery.
- Use a light, well-drained growing media – dislikes wet roots.
- Naturally forms many fine branches, but trimming a few times to encourage good pot coverage.
- This plant blooms on old wood, so dormant and spring pruning will remove flowers and fruit. Plan sales season accordingly – probably best pruned its first season and sold the following season. Stop pruning in late July to allow flower buds to form.
- Spider mites may occur; cotoneaster is in the rose family and may be susceptible to same pests if stressed.
- Sales season extends to fall thanks to the bright, apple-like fruits at that time of year.

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