

Barberry, Common
Berberis vulgaris
Berberidaceae (Barberry Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Europe and Asia as an ornamental, tolerant of a wide range of conditions.
- **Life Cycle:** Perennial shrub.
- **Root:** Woody.
- **Leaves:** Alternate, spines occurring at the base of each leaf, leaf margins finely toothed, dull green, 2-5cm long.
- **Stems:** 1-3m tall, bushy shrub, yellow-grey, spines in groups of 3.
- **Flower:** Hanging cluster of flowers, yellow, raceme, 10-20 flowers per raceme (inflorescence).
- **Seed/Fruits:** Red clusters of berries, individual berries are 1cm long, 1-3 black seeds per berry.
- **Toxicity:** Alternate host for stem rust fungus.
- **Control:** Manual control, treat stumps in autumn, early control.