

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Ardisia japonica*.

Ardisia crenata J. Sims
(*Ardisia crenulata*)

Coralberry

- C This species is also known as Spiceberry; Coralberry is a larger version of *A. japonica* forming a rounded woody evergreen shrub 3Nto 5N(6N) tall; the 4Oto 6Q(8Q) long elliptic-lanceolate to oblanceolate lustrous dark green leaves have crenate-undulate margins; the foliage tends to be bunched toward the ends of the stems; the specific epithet refers to these crenate leaves.
- C Plants have small ¼O long white to pink inverted urn-shaped flowers in cymes in spring to summer; however, the species' primary asset is the massed clusters of bright shiny red fruits; they are extremely showy, contrasting handsomely with the dark green foliage, ala a holly mimic.
- C Originating from Japan and Southeast Asia, this species has limited cold tolerance, but good heat tolerance' it is effective in USDA zones 8(7) to 10 landscapes; plants are prolific seed producers and have naturalized extensively in eastern portions of the Gulf Coast; they are often found along woodland edges, but can tolerate full sun where adequate moisture is available; growth is best in well drained, moist, fertile, acidic to neutral soils; unfortunately, *A. crenata* can become weedy in favorable environments.
- C *Ardisia crispa* (C. Thunberg) A.P. de Candolle, Coral Ardisia, is a similar, but less cold hardy groundcover sometimes encountered along the Gulf Coast in South Texas or as an interiorscape plant.

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