



Peking / Hedge Cotoneaster

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Sun:

- Full Sun to Part Sun

Water:

- Low to Moderate
- Drought tolerant once established

Mature Size:

- 8–12 ft tall
- 5–8 ft wide

Hardiness Zone:

- USDA Zones 3–7
- Very good for Alaska, especially protected areas

Growth Rate:

- Moderate to Fast

Bloom Time:

- Late Spring

Bloom Color:

- Soft Pink to White

Fall Color:

- Brilliant Red-Orange Foliage

Berry Interest:

- Glossy Black Berries

PLANTING

Best Planting Conditions:

- Plant in full sun for strongest growth, berries, and fall color
- Tolerates part sun but may reduce density
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Excellent for privacy rows, windbreaks, and formal hedges
- Avoid poorly drained or soggy soils

ALASKA NOTES

Alaska-Specific Tips:

- Excellent for structured landscapes and privacy hedges
- Handles wind well once established
- Fall color can be exceptional in Alaska landscapes
- Best performance in sunny, well-drained locations
- Mulch young plants before winter

PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

Pruning:

- Excellent for shaping and formal hedges
- Prune late winter or after flowering
- Can be trimmed regularly for dense privacy screens

Fertilizing:

- Light spring fertilizer can encourage strong growth
- Usually low-maintenance once established

COMMON MISTAKES

- Planting in heavy shade
- Poor drainage
- Ignoring pruning for formal hedge appearance
- Overwatering mature shrubs

KEN'S TIPS

- **If you want privacy, structure, and seasonal beauty without sacrificing durability, Hedge Cotoneaster is one of the cleanest and most dependable hedge shrubs for Alaska landscapes.**