

BUXACEAE – BOXWOOD FAMILY

Plant: herbs, shrubs and trees

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: evergreen, alternate or opposite, often waxy or leathery; no stipules

Flowers: mostly imperfect (monoecious or rarely dioecious); flowers usually in racemes or spike-like heads; 4 tepals in male flowers and 6 in female flowers in 2 whorls; 4 or 6 stamens; ovary superior, 3 styles, 3 carpels

Fruit: drupe or capsule, some seeds are winged

Other: some used as ornamentals, Boxwood used earlier for printing purposes

Genera: 4+ genera

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Buxaceae (Boxwood Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: monoecious, flowers white, small, in terminal spikes;
leaves alternate, evergreen, waxy, obovate and toothed, clustered
at stem apices; stem non-woody, spreads by rhizomes; fruit a
greenish-white capsule; escapee – planted for groundcover in
medium to deep shade; spring to summer

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