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## *Ardisia*

Ardisia is a genus of flowering plants in the family Primulaceae with over 700 species. They are trees, shrubs and/or sub-shrubs in which most have alternately arranged leaves.

**Light:** Part-sun

**Water:** Slight dry to the touch

**Environment:** Mainly tropical areas - humidity is appreciated

**Toxicity:** Not available but there are indications that it is poisonous

**Habit / Size:** Varieties can range from tree forms to shrub form; height can vary by species

### **Of Note:**

- Crenata species note: Also known as “Christmas Berry” and/or “Coral Bush.” Flowers are white to reddish followed by drooping red glossy berries. The roots of the *Ardisia crenata* are used in complementary or alternative medicine. Perennial shrub that can grow 1.5–6’ tall. Invasive in the southeastern U.S.

\*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.