Stanford Grounds

PLANT INFORMATION SHEET

Genus: Asparagus
Species: densiflorus
Cultivar: 'Sprenger'
Family: Liliaceae

Common Name: Sprenger asparagus
Origin: South Africa

Kind of Plant: Groundcover
Growth Habit: Arching
Light Needs: Part Sun

Special Identifying Features:
Leaves: Bright green, simple, 1", needle-like, cladodes (branches). True leaves inconspicuous.

Flowers: Small, bell-shaped, pinkish, with 6 petals, in clusters 1 to 3" long

Bark/Twig: Arching drooping stems 3 to 6 ft long, spiny

Fruit: Bright red berries

Seasonal Habit: Evergreen
Height: 1 ft
Width: 3 to 6 ft

Water Needs: Medium

Disease(s): Severe cold

Pest(s):

Special Points: Sometimes called Asparagus fern, but not a true fern. Needs well drained soil. Good in containers and hanging baskets. Tolerates heat, wind, cold to 24 degrees F only. Can be trained on trellis. Roots have short white tubers on them.

Campus Location: 1) Hoover Building, 2) Koret Courtyard by Shumway fountain

(Refer to Disease and Pest Control chart for treatments.)