

Stanford Grounds
PLANT INFORMATION SHEET

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

Common Name: Sprenger asparagus

Origin: South Africa



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Kind of Plant: Groundcover

Seasonal Habit: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Arching

Height: 1 ft

Width: 3 to 6 ft

Light Needs: Part Sun

Water Needs: Medium

Special Identifying Features

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

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

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

Fruit: Bright red berries

Disease(s): Severe cold

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

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