

## 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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*Pachysandra terminalis* Siebold & Zucc. (Introduced)

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

[V Max Brown, 2009]

