CELASTRACEAE
Pachistima myrsinites (Pursh) Raf.
Pamy

pachistima, myrtle boxwood, mountain lover

FORM: Low shrubs, 20-60cm (8-24in) tall.

STEMS: Slender, glabrous, 4-angled, reddish brown.

BUDS: Opposite, appressed, very small with 2 pairs of scales.

LEAVES: Opposite, evergreen, glossy, simple, oblong-elliptic, serrate, 1-3cm (1in) long.

FLOWERS: Maroon colored, 3-4mm broad, numerous in axillary clusters (1); April-June.

FRUIT: Small whitish fleshy berrylike aril.

NOTES: No longer a habitat type indicator species!!!
Makes a nice low hedge for landscaping.