

PRUNING (MAY-JUNE)

SKIMMIA JAPONICA



1 The *Skimmia* has finished flowering.



2 The dead flowers are carefully snipped out.



3 Now, the plant can put its energy into growing new shoots.



4 The familiar dark-red flower buds will then form later in the year.



5 These bulbs will flower early in the spring.



6 If the *Skimmia* grows too big, cut back half the branches.



7 The pruned branches will shoot again and flower the following year.



8 At that time you need to prune back the other half.