

Botanical Name: Taxus baccata 'Stricta'

Common Name: Irish yew

Type of Plant: conifer: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape An erect, single-trunked, very upright shrub in youth, with ascending branches forming a columnar or narrow pyramidal canopy; with age becomes a tall narrow column if unpruned

Height 10' - 20'(30') Spread 3' - 6' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun; tolerates partial sun in Southern Calif.

Soil thrives in moist acidic soils; is drought tolerant after establishment

Hardiness (zones 3-9, 14-24) very hardy: thrives in cold-temperate climate areas

Morphology:

Leaves small narrow flattened needles, two-ranked, dark green, 1/2" - 1" long

Flowers none

Fruit if present, a small fleshy red berrylike structure

Propagation: hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent small-scale vertical accent tree or screening material for its narrow form and dark green foliage; can be sheared into formal hedges or topiary; all parts are poisonous

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular; drought-tolerant after established

Fertilizing little needed after established; chlorotic if over-watered

Pruning to shape desired, as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: N. Europe Family: Taxaceae