

Botanical Name: Asparagus retrofractus

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Type of Plant: monocot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright shrubby, fountain-shaped shrub with arching gray
branches and fine textured thread-like foliage in tufts

Height 6-10' Spread 6-10' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out indoors: very bright areas; outdoors: part shade to full sun

Soil takes most any soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves threadlike (cladodes) in tufts, to 3/4" long on thorny,
silvery-gray stems, very distinctive texture pattern

Flowers small, star-shaped white flowers in clusters

Fruit orange drupe to 3/8" diameter

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: cut foliage, container plant, accent plant, good in
corner areas, near waterfalls and for striking silhouette

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering--can be kept fairly dry

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning best if unpruned--remove dead branches only

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions plant away from high traffic areas

Origin: South Africa Family: Liliaceae