

Botanical Name: Podocarpus macrophyllus

Common Name: Yew pine, Yew podocarpus

Type of Plant: conifer Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant, having a generally narrow, columnar, fairly dense canopy; the lateral branches are somewhat drooping; the plant has foliage nearly to ground level

Height 6'-15'(to 50') Spread 1/3-1/2 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun (fairly heat/drought-tolerant)

Soil tolerates most except wet heavy soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9,12-24); prefers mild, humid, coastal

Morphology:

Leaves modified needle; linear or narrowly lanceolate, mostly whorled, nearly sessile; 3"-4" long, dark green above, paler beneath

Flowers dioecious: staminate "flower" catkins are 1-1/2" long, pistillate "flowers" are oval, axillary, 1" long, fleshy

Fruit drupe-like, with seed on fleshy receptacle or stalk

Propagation: semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: widely used column, tub plant or screen; used as a standard for hedges, screens, street tree, background shrub; many pruning techniques

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced, in spring, check for iron chlorosis in wet soils

Pruning to shape desired; can be sheared

Pests/Diseases relatively free; can be attacked by aphids and mealybugs

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Podocarpaceae