

Botanical Name: Podocarpus henkelii

Common Name: Long-leafed yellow-wood

Type of Plant: Conifer: Shrub/ Sm. Tree Family Podocarpaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, ascending branch structure forming a columnar shape. Younger trees tend to be quite full from the ground up.

Height to 12' Spread 4' to 6' Growth Rate slow to Moderate

Environment:

Exposure Outdoor full sun to part shade.

Soil tolerates most soils; good drainage is essential.

Hardiness Zones 8,9,14-24

Morphology:

Leaves modified needle; linear, 5" to 7" long, 1/3" wide; typically bright green.

Flowers dioecious: staminate male "flower" catkins to about 1" long, pistillate female "flowers" are oval to 1/2" long.

Fruit drupe-like; 3/8" in diameter, glaucous, green; poisonous

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings, hardwood cuttings

Usage: good in drought tolerant landscapes, on slopes, as a small patio tree, hedges, screens, and narrow planters; good in formal to informal landscapes.

Landscape Care:

Watering once established, requires only occasional, deep soakings to maintain optimum appearance.

Fertilizing balanced in spring; correct for chlorosis.

Pruning Prune or shear to maintain columnar shape or hedge; hand pruning is best

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybugs, aphids

Other _____

Origin: Southern Africa