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Evergreen Shrub
Podocarpus macrophyllus

Size (H x W): 20-30 feet x 12-15 feet
Blooms: Inconspicuous white/yellow in spring
Exposure: Full to part shade
Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8
Water: Low to moderate
Pruning: Late winter or early spring
Growth Rate: Slow to moderate

Why we love it...

The very upright, columnar tree known as the Yew Pine has lustrous green foliage, reminiscent of pine or true yew trees. It tends to be slow growing, which makes it a great choice for easy hedging or pruning into round and square shapes. Feeding young trees with a balanced fertilizer can help to encourage faster growth, if desired.

Part to full shade is ideal for this Japan-native and it does beautifully in dark, narrow spaces. Yew Pine’s dense foliage makes the perfect privacy screen in a well-shaded area. The flowers are inconspicuous in the spring; in fall on male trees, you’ll find small, edible purple cones, and on female trees, you’ll find small, attractive and dark, but inedible fruit.

Lydia says: The Yew Pine is tolerant of many soil types, but performs best in one that is well draining and not super alkaline.

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