

# Podocarpus

## *Podocarpus macrophyllus*

With densely foliated lower limbs which reach the ground and neat, dark green, evergreen leaves Buddhist Pine, also known as southern yew, is very popular as a dense screen or hedge. However, Buddhist Pine can reach 30 to 40 feet in height when not sheared and is quite attractive as a tree. This is one of only a few trees which can be pruned into a nice hedge. The dark green foliage and dense growth creates a formal mass.

**Type:** large shrub to small tree

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8b through 11

**Uses:** screen; specimen; shade; hedge; reclamation; espalier; deck or patio

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Height:** 30 to 40 feet      **Spread:** 20 to 25 feet

**Plant spacing:** use dependent

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** clay; sand; loam; alkaline; acidic; well-drained

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Aerosol salt tolerances:** high

**Invasive potential:** not considered a problem

**Pest resistance:** resistant to pests/diseases

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