Buddhist Pine  
*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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