

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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