

Podocarpus Neriifolius - Plant



The podocarpus, or yew pine, is a shrub or small tree with dark green needle-like leaves.

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Description

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Suited to grow near ocean coasts because of their salt tolerance, podocarpus trees (Podocarpus spp.). Depending upon the specific variety, podocarpus grow best in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 8b through 11.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Brown Pine . Botanical name: Podocarpus Neriifolius Family: Podocarpaceae (Podocarp family). Synonyms: Margbensonia neriifolia, Podocarpus discolor, Podocarpus macrophyllus	-	-	They can grow to be 50 feet (15.2 meters) tall with a spread of up to 25 feet (7.6 meters).	easy.

Planting and care

You can plant podocarpus from seeds or from cuttings. While hardwood cuttings take root easily, podocarpus seeds can take up to six months to germinate. Soaking the seeds in saturated salt water for two days before planting them will improve the germination rate.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Sunny, or partially sunny spot.	Fertile, well-drained soil.	Wait for the water to drain down through the soil completely.	Prefers temperatures between 61 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit (16.1 and 20 degrees Celsius).	These plants need additional iron and magnesium; iron is partially supplied by the Miracid. In addition, apply a dose of chelated iron twice yearly. To prevent magnesium

deficiency, use 2-3 applications of Epsom Salts.

Caring for Podocarpus Neriifolius

Pruning is necessary to get the side branches to grow. Pinch back new growth as necessary, and remove oversized needles. If a plant with bushier appearance is required, cut back all side branches by half. New growth will readily develop. Some form of light staking is advisable for the main stems of a potted plant.

Typical uses of Podocarpus Neriifolius

Special features:

Ornamental use: This plant makes a good hedge or screen, and can grow either indoors or outdoors.

References

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