Tasmanian Podocarp

Podocarpus alpinus



Tasmanian Podocarp
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Alpine Plum Yew

Description:

This is a fine evergreen shub with dense blue-green foliage; changes to a coppery red in late fall; adds a wonderful texture to a border or rock garden



Tasmanian Podocarp foliage
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Ornamental Features

Tasmanian Podocarp has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage on a dwarf conifer with a mounded habit of growth. The small needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Tasmanian Podocarp is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tasmanian Podocarp is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Tasmanian Podocarp will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.