Breede River Yellowwood

Podocarpus elongatus

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Yellow-Wood

Description:

A unique conifer that grows naturally into a large multi-stemmed mound of upswept blue-green foliage; can be maintained as an informal screen or shaped as a landscape accent tree

Ornamental Features

Breede River Yellowwood has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges buttery yellow in spring on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark and brown branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Breede River Yellowwood is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Breede River Yellowwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Breede River Yellowwood foliage
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- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Breede River Yellowwood will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.

Breede River Yellowwood is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.