Gnome Japanese Plum Yew

Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Gnome'



Gnome Japanese Plum Yew
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Cow's Tail Pine

Description:

A slow growing, shade loving, gracefully spreading evergreen that is perfect for woodlands, and adapts to moist and dry soil; grows wider than high; attractive dark green needles are bright green in spring, adding great contrast; a great foundation plant

Ornamental Features

Gnome Japanese Plum Yew is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gnome Japanese Plum Yew is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gnome Japanese Plum Yew is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Gnome Japanese Plum Yew will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.