Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew

Podocarpus alpinus 'Red Tip'



Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Tasmanian Podocarp

Description:

This is a showy more prostrate evergreen shrub with stunning red new growth atop the older dark green needles; changes to a coppery red in late fall; adds a wonderful texture to a border or rock garden

Ornamental Features

Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges red in spring 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

Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew 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.

Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Red Tip Alpine Plum Yew will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.