Willowleaf Podocarp

Podocarpus salignus

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Long Leaved Manio

Description:

A unique and beautiful tree that grows naturally upright with weeping branches draped with long, elegant dark green leaves that are willow-like; an elegant and exotic accent on the landscape; can be maintained as an informal screen

Ornamental Features

Willowleaf Podocarp has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring on a tree with an arching habit of growth. The glossy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The furrowed gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Willowleaf Podocarp is a dense evergreen tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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.

Willowleaf Podocarp is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



Willowleaf Podocarp foliage
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Planting & Growing

Willowleaf Podocarp will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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 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.