Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew

Podocarpus macrophyllus 'Akame'



Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Shrubby Japanese Yew, Buddhist Pine

Description:

This elegant shrub or small tree features cherry red new growth that transitions to copper, then green; best color in full sun; great for urban planting along streets and medians; excellent as a screen or hedge because of its dense, long lived foliage

Ornamental Features

Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew has attractive dark green foliage with hints of coppery-bronze which emerges cherry red in spring on a dwarf conifer with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub 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 shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Topiary

Planting & Growing

Akame Red Tipped Japanese Yew will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 50 years or more.

This shrub 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.