



Yew, Upright Irish

Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata Robusta'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Common Yew

Description:

A narrowly upright and tall evergreen tree with almost vertical branching, deep green needles and interesting red berries; ideal for articulation, makes a great tall hedge or screen, takes pruning exceptionally well

Ornamental Features

Yew, Upright Irish is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The ferny sprays of foliage remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy red drupes displayed from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Yew, Upright Irish is a dense evergreen tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Yew, Upright Irish is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Topiary



Yew, Upright Irish
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Yew, Upright Irish will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.