Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey

Sciadopitys verticillata 'Joe Kozey'



Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Umbrella Pine, Koyamaki

Description:

One of the finest forms of this species, features a narrow columnar habit and whorls of long green needles; grows slowly and has a surreal pristine form; a beautiful focal point on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey has attractive dark green evergreen foliage on a tree with a columnar habit of growth. The large glossy needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The brown fruits are held in cones in mid fall.



Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey is a dense evergreen tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Umbrella Pine, Joe Kozey will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 60 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): The cones are an oval 2 to 4 inches long and erect on the branches. They are green the first year and ripening to brown the second year. Clean up cones by raking or scooping and bag them. They also shed inner needles. Clean up by blowing or raking needles onto the lawn and mow or bag them. 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. During the growing season is maintain regular deep watering.