



Tauntoni Yew

Taxus x media 'Tauntonii'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒ ☐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A versatile evergreen shrub with a low mounding form, spreading habit, bright green emerging foliage against dark green needles in spring; a superb garden shrub that takes pruning very well; full sun to part shade, resistant to winter burn, snow cover

Ornamental Features

Tauntoni Yew is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. 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

Tauntoni Yew is a dense 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.

Tauntoni Yew is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Topiary



Tauntoni Yew
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Tauntoni Yew will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, 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.