



Morden Upright Japanese Yew

Taxus cuspidata 'Morden Upright'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A dense wide-growing evergreen shrub with mounded branches and beautiful deep green needles which emerge bright green; spectacular in groupings, a great groundcover for large spaces, takes pruning extremely well, loves shade

Ornamental Features

Morden Upright Japanese Yew has dark green foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The ferny leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The flowers are not ornamentally significant. The fruits are showy red drupes displayed from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Morden Upright Japanese 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.

Morden Upright Japanese Yew is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Morden Upright Japanese Yew foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



80 acres of trees & plants within the city limits

Planting & Growing

Morden Upright Japanese Yew will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 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 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.