Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine

Pinus densiflora 'Umbraculifera Compacta'



Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A compact variation of this popular specimen plant, with densely upright spreading branches, resembles an umbrella, also interesting orange-brown bark; best in full sun, best used as a solitary in the garden

Ornamental Features

Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has emerald green evergreen foliage. The needles remain emerald green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 shrub. 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.

Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Compact Japanese Umbrella Pine will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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.