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Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine

Sciadopitys verticillata 'Joe Kozey'



Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 5 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

Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine 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.



Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine 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.

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

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

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Planting & Growing

Joe Kozey Umbrella Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.