Buddhism Tree

Neolitsea sericea

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

Valued for its stunning foliage; leathery bronze leaves emerge in spring and turn to sea-green for the summer; leaves are hairy underneath; clusters of yellow flowers in the spring

Ornamental Features

Buddhism Tree has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges burgundy in spring on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The fragrant oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Buddhism Tree is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Buddhism Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Buddhism Tree
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Buddhism Tree foliage
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Planting & Growing

Buddhism Tree will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This tree does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.