

Podocarpus gracilior

(Weeping Podocarpus, Fern Podocarpus)

Used as a large patio tree, the fine-textured foliage is sure to draw a complimentary remark from visitors and friends. Almost appearing like a large, soft, green cloud, Fern Podocarpus creates a beautiful effect when placed beside a pond or other water interest. The tree combines well with Yellow Lantana or other lowgrowing yellow flowering ground covers planted under the tree. It compliments glass-sided structures well, its soft foliage shimmering and reflecting on a breezy, sunny day. Growing in full sun or partial shade, it will tolerate a wide range of well-drained soils and should be protected from frost. In Florida, it is considerably tolerant of dry soils requiring no irrigation once established.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: poe-doe-KAR-pus grass-ILL-ee-or
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: Eastern Africa, Middle Africa
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Espalier, Specimen, Container, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: oval, Weeping
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Dense
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m, 15 to 23 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters, 8 to 10 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years
Companion Plants: Yellow Lantana

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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