

Araucaria araucana

(House Pine, Monkey Puzzle Tree)

Monkey Puzzle Tree is a special tree that has architectural leaves and branches making it look like an artificial christmas tree. It's an evergreen native to Chile and Argentina. With time, the triangular shape become tall with an upper rounded canopy.

To be planted in well drained soil, average fertile, moist soil. Requires full to partial sun, and is drought tolerant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Araucaria du Chili

Arabic Name: أروكاريا أروكانية

Pronunciation: air-ah-KAIR-ee-uh air-ah-KAY-nuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Argentina, Chile

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m, Over 23

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters, 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years, More than 50 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Fleshy/Juicy, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Cones

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Mites, Thrips, Scales, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed

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