

## 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

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### 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

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Sexuality:** Diecious (Monosexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy, Fissured

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#### 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

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### 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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Bark Image



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