Cephalotaxus harringtonia  
(Japanese Plum-yew)
Plum yew is originated from Japan and China. With its upright habitat, shade and heat tolerance it makes this species an interesting substitute for true yews (Taxus) for hotter climates. The fruit can be edible. Separate female and male plants exist. The leaves are evergreen, linear with a white line underneath. Grows well in any condition. In colder areas it prefers sunny spots.

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<td><strong>Pronunciation:</strong> sef-uh-loh-TAKS-us har-ring-TOH-nee-uh</td>
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<td><strong>Plant Type:</strong> Tree</td>
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<td><strong>Origin:</strong> Japan, Korea</td>
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<td><strong>Heat Zones:</strong> 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</td>
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<td><strong>Hardiness Zones:</strong> 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</td>
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<td><strong>Uses:</strong> Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Windbreak, Edible, Ground cover</td>
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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral  
- **Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible  
- **Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen  
- **Leaf Type:** Simple  
- **Leaf Blade:** Less than 5  
- **Leaf Shape:** Linear  
- **Leaf Margins:** Entire  
- **Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Fine  
- **Leaf Scent:** Pleasant  
- **Color (growing season):** Green  
- **Color (changing season):** Green

#### Flower
- **Flower Sexuality:** Diecious (Monosexual)

#### Trunk
- **Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked  
- **Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

#### Fruit
- **Fruit Type:** Berry  
- **Fruit Showiness:** True  
- **Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3  
- **Seasons:** Summer, Fall
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**Horticulture Management**

**Tolerance**
- Frost Tolerant: Yes
- Heat Tolerant: No
- Drought Tolerant: No
- Salt Tolerance: Poor

**Requirements**
- Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand
- Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral
- Water Requirements: Moderate
- Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

**Management**
- Toxity: No
- Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No
- Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure
- Fruit/Leaves/Flowers litter: No
- Surface Rooting: No
- Life Span: 25-50 years
- Edible Parts: Fruit
- Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting