



**Weeping Podocarpus\***  
*Afrocarpus gracilior*

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Fern Podocarpus

**Description:**

A unique and beautiful tree that grows naturally upright, displaying branches draped with graceful, fern-like foliage; an elegant and exotic accent on the landscape; can be maintained as an informal screen, or as a smaller container planting

**Ornamental Features**

Weeping Podocarpus has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The buttery yellow fruits which fade to steel blue over time are held in cones. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Weeping Podocarpus is a dense evergreen tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Weeping Podocarpus is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Weeping Podocarpus foliage*  
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*Weeping Podocarpus (topiary form)*  
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- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

### Planting & Growing

Weeping Podocarpus will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*



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