



# Cryptomeria japonica

## 'Araucarioides'



Height	5 - 6 m
Crown	broad ovoid, light, open crown
Bark and branches	twigs green, bark reddish brown flaking in long strips
Leaf	Sickle-shaped needles, dark green, 0.4 - 0.9 cm, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous
Fruits	round cones with spiked seed scales
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well-drained, moist, acidic
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	parks, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem conifer, specimen conifer
Origin	Japan, before 1865

Broad pyramidal, usually branched from ground level, very large shrub to small tree. Eventually grows to a multi-stemmed plant, 5 to 6 m tall and almost as wide. The bark is reddish brown and peels in long strips. The needles are somewhat shorter, more curved and a bit farther apart than the species. The branches are often straight along their whole length with vigorously produced branchlets at their tips creating a loose tree with clusters of twigs at the end of each branch. This unusual appearance is a typical feature of 'Araucarioides' and the similar-looking 'Dacrydioides', which grows significantly lower and wider. Young plants may suffer from frost in harsh winters and heavy snowfall can cause branches to break. It cannot tolerate sharp, dry wind and the tree prefers to grow in well-drained, somewhat moist and acidic soil.