



Monji Plant Profile

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Fern Pine

Podocarpus gracilior

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8, 9, 13-24, H1, H2	Full sun or partial shade	May develop chlorosis where soil is alkaline, or heavy and damp	Regular watering	Female tree produces small fleshy fruit rather than cones	20 to 60 feet tall

Leaf: Alternate or subopposite, simple, evergreen, narrow lanceolate, 2 to 4 inches long, pointed, glossy green to gray green above, paler below.

Flower: Dioecious, not showy, males are pale yellow, erect, slender cones 1 inch long; females are very inconspicuous, occur solitary from leaf axils.

Fruit: Round, fleshy aril, 1/2 to 1 inch long, red when ripe.

Twig: Slender, green, tips drooping (willow like); buds small pointed and green.

Bark: Finely scaly, reddish brown but ages to a light gray.

Form: A small tree reaching 40 feet tall and when left unpruned gracefully drooping to the ground. It takes well to pruning and can be shaped into an upright tree with an oval crown.