

Yew

(Taxus sp.)

If you need a trouble-free conifer for your landscape, the yew is one of the best plants to choose. Its dark green, 1- inch needles are complemented by red berries in midsummer. Desirable for year-round landscape use because of its evergreen nature and its growth habits, yews fall into two basic groups: English (*T. baccata*) and Japanese (*T. cuspidata*). *T. x media* is a cross between the two. Yews can be found in a number of shapes, including globe, vase, columnar, pyramidal, or ground hugging.

Soil: Average, well drained with no wet feet

Light: Sun or shade

Zone: 5 - 7

Comments

Recommended varieties include the upright (*T. c. capitata*); Spreading English (*T.b. repandens*); and Hicks (*T. media hicksi*).