

Pseudotaxus - Growing Guide

Growing *Pseudotaxus Chienii*

White berry yew

This is a genus of only one species. It is a very rare evergreen small tree growing to only 6-12ft in height after many years and originates from SE China. It has a bushy, domed, habit and spreading branches from the base of the trunk.

It grows in the wild in the understory of evergreen or deciduous mountain forests in cool, moist and fairly shady conditions. The leaves are spirally arranged and two ranked with blue-white banding underneath. The seed cones are single and surrounded by a fleshy white 'yew-like' berry.

This unusual conifer has proved perfectly hardy in UK conditions but there are, as yet, very few more mature specimens in cultivation.



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