

# Blue Fern Pine



## *Podocarpus elongatus*

- **Use:** Use in planters as a specimen on the deck or as a houseplant indoors in high light. Tolerance of low light conditions enables use as a house plant. Plants are sometimes seen growing in shopping malls.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers high indirect light indoors and outdoors full to part sun is best in warmer months.. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Reaches 15 to 20 ft. tall, 6 to 8 ft. wide in 10 years; larger with age, but very slow growing so can easily be kept shorter..
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11; Houseplant/ Tropical (Bring indoors when temps go below 30 degrees. (Can be used as a hedge/ shrub in South Georgia and Florida.)
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Leathery, narrow and thick blue green leaves.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. 1 to 1.5 in. male catkin-like flowers occur in clusters; 0.5 in. edible purple-red fruit on female plants.

Love blue plants? Well, we do too, and we are excited to offer this unusual fern pine with blue leaves.