



## Cryptomeria japonica 'Bandai'



<b>Height</b>	2 m
<b>Width</b>	1,5-2m
<b>Crown</b>	broad ovoid, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	flaking, reddish brown
<b>Leaf</b>	green, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	inconspicuous, flowers in april
<b>Fruits</b>	round cones with spiked seed scales
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Application</b>	small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer

Cryptomeria japonica 'Bandai' is an almost spherical to broadly pyramidal large shrub up to about 2 m high. It is slow-growing with twigs of different lengths. Bundles of shorter twigs grow on longer twigs. This makes it look as if "cramps" of twigs are constantly growing on the longer twigs. The scaly needles on the longer twigs are also clearly longer (about 1.5 cm) than the circa 3 mm long needles on the short twigs. The foliage is fresh dark green, turning more bluish-green to slightly bronze in winter.

It is an old cultivar imported from Japan in 1934 under the name 'Bandai-sugi'. Since sugi is simply the Japanese name of Cryptomeria, the name should simply be 'Bandai'. 'Bandai' is slightly less hardy than most other cultivars and should be protected during severe frosts.

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