



Cryptomeria japonica 'Rasen'



Height	8-12 m
Width	4-5m
Crown	narrow upright, open crown
Bark and branches	flaking, reddish brown
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous, flowers in April
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, specimen conifer
Origin	U.S. National Arboretum, Washington D.C., USA, 1994

In several cultivars of *C. japonica*, the needles typically grow around the twigs. The best-known cultivar with this characteristic is *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Rasen'. *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Rasen' is a fast-growing, slender-rising tree with a fairly open branch structure. The tree grows about 12 m tall. Older trees often become bare underneath. The shiny dark green needles are tightly curved around the rather long twigs, giving them a spiral appearance. It makes 'Rasen' a popular tree, not only for use in gardens and parks, but also in floral design. This ancient Japanese cultivar was introduced to Europe in 1970. Hardiness zone: 6a