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**Oriental Arborvitae\***

*Thuja orientalis*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: *Platyclusus orientalis*

**Description:**

A beautiful and versatile evergreen tree; the species is typically a small multi-stemmed tree with a dense, pyramidal habit of growth, very adaptable, makes a great hedge; many diverse cultivars are available in every shape and form imaginable

**Ornamental Features**

Oriental Arborvitae has green foliage. The scale-like leaves remain green throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant. The shaggy indian red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Oriental Arborvitae is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Oriental Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



*Oriental Arborvitae*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Planting & Growing**

Oriental Arborvitae will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is not originally from North America.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*