



Araucaria araucana Care Details

- Araucaria or Monkey Puzzle are very slow growing evergreen trees and are best planted as a single specimen or in groups away from other hardy trees.
- They will grow in all soil types (though permanently boggy is not advisable) and anywhere except very exposed sites. The best soil is the oddity of moist but well-drained! They are even happy growing on the coast and remain unaffected by salty spray.
- If bought as young plants, then you may wish to grow them on in pots before planting out. They are very slow growing taking many years to reach maturity and expect a growth rate of approx 3m in 10 years.
- Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi-purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- Araucaria are best grown in full-sun to partial shade and only flower and produce seeds after 40 years. They are dioecious (separate male and female trees) and the female trees grow much taller. There is unfortunately no way of knowing which you have until then.
- Please have a look at www.easytropicals.com for companion ideas. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.