



Cryptomeria japonica 'Bandai'



Height	2 m
Width	1,5-2m
Crown	broad ovoid, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	flaking, reddish brown
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous, flowers in april
Fruits	round cones with spiked seed scales
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	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	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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