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Araucana (*A. imbricata*), Monkey Puzzle

Very characteristic dioecious conifer native to Chile where it reaches a size superior to that indicated above. It forms a broadly conical or dome-shaped crown with a long cylindrical trunk and generally horizontal branches, the lower ones hanging down towards the ground. Evergreen leaves, bright green, thick and leathery, 3-4cm long, from ovate to triangular with a very sharp tip. The leaves completely cover the branches and also the trunk up to a certain age. The male and female flowers grow on separate plants. The male flowers grow in groups, the female ones singly. The cones

mature in 2-3 years and are green when they first appear, brown when they mature and open up to release the seeds. Grows well in humid areas, in light, fertile, fresh and very permeable soil.

heterophylla (*A. excelsa*), Norfolk Island Pine

Origin: Norfolk Island. Conifer; branches in regular, horizontal planes covered in small, vivid green needles. It has a very symmetric, pyramidal, stylized silhouette which often varies in shape because of the effect of the wind and sharp changes in temperature. The young plants are often used indoors where they flourish.

