

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Araucaria cunninghamii
Family	Araucariaceae
Origin	Eastern Australia and New Guinea
Delivery size	25–26 cm pot (bowl) · about 65 cm
Growth and special feature	Evergreen conifer; offered shaped form in a bowl

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Bright with indirect light and a clear crown.	A dark room corner does not suit this conifer's cultivation.
Water	Once the surface has dried, water slowly across the root ball.	The root ball should remain slightly moist without standing in water.
Compost	Structurally stable, loose mix with good drainage.	The compost in the shallow bowl must neither compact nor remain persistently wet.
Nutrients	Feed weakly during growth according to product instructions.	Limited root space calls for restrained dosing.
Winter	Frost-free and bright; regularly reassess consumption.	Do not confuse it with the differently cultivated monkey puzzle tree.
Indoor climate	Keep away from radiators and dry air currents.	Fine needles respond to unfavourable air and water conditions.
Shaping	Observe new shoots and plan major interventions carefully.	Decorative bonsai style does not mean constant shaping cuts.
Checking	Check moisture, drainage and needle tips together.	Narrow down the cause of damage first rather than simply watering more.

Knowledge that grows

A large tree in a special cultivated form

Araucaria cunninghamii comes from forests in eastern Australia and New Guinea. In its natural habitat it can develop into a very large tree. The offered specimen instead shows a shaped, compact form in bonsai style. Trunk, branching and fine needles create a living sculpture. These irregularities are precisely its appeal: nature provides no two entirely identical silhouettes, and new growth continues to change its appearance.

Choose the bowl and individual specimen carefully

The shop description states about 65 cm overall height and a 25–26 cm bowl. Several pictured forms show possible differences, not a promise of identical trunks or bowl colours. Our scene depicts one tree. Its open crown can look good on a broad, stable console; the weight of the bowl and moist root ball should also be considered. Leave room between needle tips, wall and people passing.

Bring brightness into the crown

A bright position with indirect light follows the shop recommendation. Its fine greenery should not disappear into a dark recess. At the same time, an abrupt move against very hot glass is unfavourable. Consider the planned position from the plant's viewpoint: does light also reach the lower branches, or do furniture and curtains shade most of the crown? Do not place it directly in a heater's dry airflow.

Keep the shallow bowl evenly moist

Regularly check the upper compost layer and the bowl's weight. Once the surface has dried, water slowly across the root ball. Water should reach the roots and then be able to drain. A hidden reservoir without controllable drainage is not a good solution. This shallow cultivated form offers less buffering than a large deep tub; avoid both complete root-ball dryness and persistent wetness. Check the standing surface for escaping water after watering.

Shape growth without hasty intervention

The shaped form is not a reason to cut back hard with every new tip. First observe new growth and existing branching. Major pruning or root work should be targeted when condition and cultivation can be assessed reliably. Preserve a structurally stable, well-drained mix and functioning drainage when repotting. Weak fertiliser applications during growth are easier to manage than strong reserve doses in a small root space.

Read brown needles as a clue

Some older needles inside may die. If dry tips accumulate or entire branches stand out, first check root-ball moisture, light and proximity to heating. A dead area will not turn green again with more frequent watering. Also check transitions between the trunk and fine branches for pests. This *araucaria* stays frost-free; the monkey puzzle tree found in gardens is a different species with different requirements. This helps keep the special tree form understandable and manageable over time.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop image showing different individual forms. The offer describes one tree; trunk shape and bowl colour may vary.

Good to know

Will the araucaria always keep exactly this shape?

No. Even a shaped tree keeps growing. Trunk shape, branch arrangement and bowl colour may differ from the image.

Will I receive the three trees in the selection image?

The shop's delivery contents are what matter. This portrait and scene describe one tree in the offered size class.

Can it overwinter outdoors?

Frost-free cultivation is intended for this offer. It is not *Araucaria araucana*, the monkey puzzle tree.

Should the bowl always contain water?

No. The root ball stays slightly moist, but excess water must be able to drain away.

The matching offer

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English portrait



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