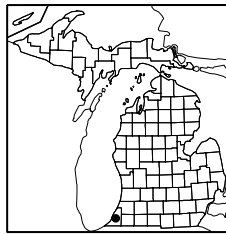


Taxus cuspidata Siebold & Zucc.—Japanese Yew

A species of temperate eastern Asia, commonly cultivated and rarely escaped to conifer plantations and natural areas, usually in and near cities and towns. This can be a large tree in its native range, quite unlike our small, native understory species, but many cultivated forms are smaller selections. First collected by W. S. Martinus in Berrien Co. in 2003.

The European yew, *T. baccata* L., and the hybrid between it and *T. cuspidata* (*T. ×media* Rehder) are also commonly cultivated. Mature specimens of these can be distinguished from *T. canadensis* by their generally more upright habit, often wider leaves (> 2 mm), and from both *T. canadensis* and *T. cuspidata* by their obtuse and non-keeled bud scales (especially in *T. baccata*). Documentation of non-native *Taxus* is sparse, and juvenile specimens are not reliably identifiable.



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