

## *The Beauty of Bonsai* *Resource Sheet*

1. **Shimpaku juniper** (*Juniperus chinensis*)

A native to Japan, prefers rocky, well-drained soils. Foliage is needle-like on young trees and scale-like on older trees. The fruit is a small, hard, bluish berry. One of the best characteristics of Shimpaku is its hard resinous wood; ideal for advanced sculptural techniques such as jin, shari and sabamiki.

The Shimpaku Juniper does best outside. It needs plenty of natural sunshine and temperature changes associated with the seasons. When kept outside, it can tolerate just about any condition. Prefers afternoon shade in the summer.

2. **Tiger bark ficus** (*Ficus microcarpa*)

A native to China, prefers rocky, well-drained soils. Foliage is shiny, bright green oval leaves with swirl trunk with dark and white markings. Perfect for bonsai beginners

A fast growing in-door growing, tolerant of most soils and light conditions. Avoid placing near draft and vents, which will dry the foliage.

### **Favorite Resources**

1. *Bonsai Techniques I and II*, John Naka, Bonsai Institute of California (1998)
2. *Bonsai Survival Manual*, Colin Lewis, Storey Publishing (1996)
3. *International Bonsai Magazine*, quarterly, Internationalbonsai.com
4. *Bonsai Focus Magazine*, bi-monthly, BonsaiFocus.com
5. Bonsai America, FaceBook
6. 99 Cent Bonsai, FaceBook

### **Additional Longwood Resources**

4- part Longwood Blog Series:

[Birth of a Bonsai](#)

[Character Development of a Bonsai](#)

[Giving Our Azalea Bonsai a New Home](#)

[New Potential for Our Azalea Bonsai](#)

