



## Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo

*Pinus mugo 'Carsten's Wintergold'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

### Description:

Pruning is rarely needed on this very slow growing pine; a dwarf cultivar that produces densely arranged evergreen needles in summer that turn to a rich gold tone in late fall and winter, great for smaller gardens or foundation plantings

### Ornamental Features

Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



*Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo foliage*

*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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### **Planting & Growing**

Pine, Carsten's Wintergold Mugo will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

### **Special Attributes**

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.