Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist

Pinus strobus 'Mini Twists'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Eastern White Pine

Description:

An unusual dwarf variety with a dense, globe-shaped habit of growth when young, broadly pyramidal later; features interesting blue-green needles that are heavily twisted; very compact and slow growing; an excellent home garden accent; needs full sun

Ornamental Features

Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has powder blue-variegated bluish-green foliage. The twisted needles remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist foliage
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Pine, (Eastern White) Mini Twist will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Cones are oval shaped 4 to 8 inches long. They are green turning brown and found in groups of 2 to 4. In some areas of the world pine are considered drought tolerant, that depends on when does it rain. If it doesn't rain during the growing season more than 4 inches on a monthly basis it will need to be watered. In the Pacific Northwest Desert evergreens need to be watered during the winter as well as the growing season. 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 is on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter