Pine, Bosnian

Pinus heldreichii

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: syn. Pinus leucodermis

Description:

An upright, conical pine that grows slowly and dense, making a perfect windbreak or screen; it is known for its excellent salt tolerance; great disease resistance

Ornamental Features

Pine, Bosnian is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The rough brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, Bosnian is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. 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, Bosnian is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Pine, Bosnian
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Planting & Growing

Pine, Bosnian will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree 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 able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (4): Cones are oval shaped 2 to 4 inches long and 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 inches wide. They are bluish-purple when young, maturing to brown and found in twos or threes. Clean up for cones blow or rake and bag them. Needles can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. 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. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.