Pine, Austrian

Pinus nigra

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

An imposing tall evergreen, with long, dense deep green needles and an upright spreading habit of growth, keeps its lower branches into maturity; tough and hardy, good on poor soils or dryer sites but highly adaptable; becomes very picturesque with age

Ornamental Features

Pine, Austrian is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter. The furrowed brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, Austrian is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pine, Austrian is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Pine, Austrian
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Pine, Austrian bark
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Planting & Growing

Pine, Austrian will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium 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 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 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 3 inches long. They are purple when young, maturing to brown and found in groups of 2 to 4. Cones mature in 2 years. Clean up for the cones is blow or rake and bag them, the needles can be blown or raked and mow 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 is maintain regular deep watering.