Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow

Pinus densiflora 'Low Glow'



Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

The short, thick and bright green needles on this low growing variety keep their color all year long; its flat topped appearance is due to unusual horizontal growth of its branches; a perfect low accent for borders or in the garden

Ornamental Features

Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its characteristic tiered habit of growth. It has attractive light green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. 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 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, (Japanese Red) Low Glow is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow foliage
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Pine, (Japanese Red) Low Glow will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 70 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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

The cones are small tan to light brown and they stay on the tree for many years. When they mature the color is brown and they start splitting to release the seeds or pine nuts. Pine nuts from Pinus densifolia are edible and commonly used in dishes like pesto and hummus.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