Pine, (Bosnian) Irish Bell

Pinus heldreichii 'Irish Bell'



Pine, (Bosnian) Irish Bell
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Pinus leucodermis, Serbian Pine

Description:

A very slow growing conifer with a dense, full, pyramidal form and short, dark green needles; dense and formal habit with little or no pruning; salt tolerant, and great disease resistance

Ornamental Features

Pine, (Bosnian) Irish Bell is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter. The rough brown bark and silver branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Pine, (Bosnian) Irish Bell is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub 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 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, (Bosnian) Irish Bell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Pine, (Bosnian) Irish Bell will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 60 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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, 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 is a selected variety of a species 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.