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Smidt's Bosnian Pine

Pinus heldreichii 'Smidtii'

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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Pinus leucodermis, Serbian Pine

Description:

A very slow growing miniature variety with an oval form and sharp, dark green needles; a dense and formal habit with little or no pruning; salt tolerant, and disease resistant

Ornamental Features

Smidt's Bosnian Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its decidedly oval form. 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

Smidt's Bosnian Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely oval 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.

Smidt's Bosnian Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Smidt's Bosnian Pine will grow to be about 5 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 60 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.