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Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom)

Pinus sylvestris 'Watereri (pom pom)'



Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom)
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Scots Pine

Description:

A wonderfully distinctive dwarf evergreen plant with bonsai-like twisted branches, crowned with pom poms of pale blue needles; a fantastic feature plant in home landscapes

Ornamental Features

Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom) is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. The rough orange bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom) is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. 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.

Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Watereri Scotch Pine (pom pom) will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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 or pH. 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.

