Cleary Japanese White Pine

Pinus parviflora 'Cleary'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

An artistic evergreen specimen tree when mature, with dense branches and attractive silver blue needles, color is more developed than in the species; interesting pink buds on new growth; quite compact and an excellent choice for smaller home landscape use

Ornamental Features

Cleary Japanese White Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cleary Japanese White Pine is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cleary Japanese White Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Cleary Japanese White Pine
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Cleary Japanese White Pine foliage
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Planting & Growing

Cleary Japanese White Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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 80 years or more.

This tree 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.