Chinese Red Pine

Pinus tabulaeformis

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A beautiful native tree of china maturing into a stately rounded form from a more pyramidal youth; deep green needles are long and gracefully curved; older dark gray bark sheds to reveal reddish orange underneath; a commanding landscape tree

Ornamental Features

Chinese Red Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter. The shaggy brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Red Pine is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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 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.

Chinese Red Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Chinese Red Pine
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Chinese Red Pine bark
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Planting & Growing

Chinese Red Pine will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.



Chinese Red Pine foliage
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