Weeping Japanese Red Pine

Pinus densiflora 'Pendula'



Weeping Japanese Red Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A weeping and trailing evergreen shrub; typically grafted on a standard, it features bright green needles on branches which trail down to the ground, should only be used as a solitary accent in the garden composition



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Ornamental Features

Weeping Japanese Red Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Weeping Japanese Red Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. 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.

Weeping Japanese Red Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Weeping Japanese Red Pine will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy 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 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 not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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.