Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine

Pinus parviflora 'Tamina No Yuki'



Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine foliage
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

This attractive variety is an irregular mound when young, but eventually takes on a small, broad, upright form; pink new tips are followed by curved, creamy white variegated foliage; a great choice for rock gardens, troughs, and small landscapes

Ornamental Features

Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive creamy white-variegated bluish-green foliage with hints of pink which emerges creamy white in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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.

Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Snow in the Valley Japanese White Pine will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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.



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