Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine

Pinus parviflora 'Gimborn's Ideal'



Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A slower growing selection that will maintain a uniform and densely branched upright form when young, and then widen with age; its silvery blue and light green needles appear bright making this an impressive selection as an accent specimen

Ornamental Features

Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges bluish-green in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Gimborn's Ideal Japanese White Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 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.