Aoi Japanese White Pine

Pinus parviflora 'Aoi'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A slower growing selection that will maintain a uniform and densely branched upright form; silvery blue-green needles appear bright making this an impressive selection as an accent tree; often trained into bonsai forms



Aoi Japanese White Pine
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Ornamental Features

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



Aoi Japanese White Pine foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Aoi Japanese White Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with 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 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.

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

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Aoi Japanese White Pine will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 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 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.



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