Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine

Pinus sylvestris 'Mitch's Weeping'



Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Scots Pine

Description:

A wonderfully distinctive evergreen tree, producing long, irregular weeping branches with cascading foliage; incredible when trained high with a stake; features showy orange bark when mature;; hardy and adaptable

Ornamental Features

Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter. The shaggy orange bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Mitch's Weeping Scotch Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 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. 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.