Forest Sky Hybrid Pine

Pinus 'Forest Sky'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Pinus strobus x ayacahuite

Description:

This dense upright evergreen hybrid has soft blue-green, long thin needles that remain that color all year round; a strong vigorous selection for a dramatic landscape accent; best planted in full sun

Ornamental Features

Forest Sky Hybrid Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The large needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Forest Sky Hybrid Pine is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree 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.

Forest Sky Hybrid Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent



Forest Sky Hybrid Pine
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Forest Sky Hybrid Pine foliage
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Planting & Growing

Forest Sky Hybrid Pine will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.