Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine

Pinus nigra 'Komet'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Comet Austrian Pine, European Black Pine

Description:

A dwarf columnar variety perfect for screening where there isn't a lot of room; beautiful gray-green needles are held on upswept branches that are compact and dense; excellent also as an accent in a single planting because of its uniform habit



Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine
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Ornamental Features

Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The needles remain grayish green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with 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 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. 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.

Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Komet Dwarf Austrian Pine will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 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 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.