Compacta Lacebark Pine

Pinus bungeana 'Compacta'



Compacta Lacebark Pine
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Compact Lacebark Pine

Description:

A beautiful evergreen tree which exfoliates to reveal brown, rust, green, and cream bark with age, however, lower branches must be removed for maximum effect; very slow growing tree is upright but opens up with age; adapts to growing conditions

Ornamental Features

Compacta Lacebark Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter. The mottled creamy white bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Compacta Lacebark Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a shapely oval form. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Compacta Lacebark Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Compacta Lacebark Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.