Oliver Japanese Stone Pine

Pinus pumila 'Oliver'



Oliver Japanese Stone Pine
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Dwarf Siberian Pine

Description:

A dwarf pine that has an upright branching character; distinctive needles of green and blue are curved and twisted; an impressive accent shrub for the garden or border

Ornamental Features

Oliver Japanese Stone Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features showy red catkins along the branches in late spring. It has attractive silvery blue-variegated green foliage. The twisted needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Oliver Japanese Stone Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 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.

Oliver Japanese Stone Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Oliver Japanese Stone Pine will grow to be about 10 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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 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.