Foxtail Southwestern White Pine

Pinus strobiformis 'Foxtail'



Foxtail Southwestern White Pine
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A loosely pyramidal evergreen that becomes more irregular with age; open and airy branches displaying blue-green needles that are tapered, resembling a fox tail; great as a stand alone accent or massed along a border

Ornamental Features

Foxtail Southwestern White Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage. The needles remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The rough dark gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Foxtail Southwestern White Pine is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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.

Foxtail Southwestern White Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Foxtail Southwestern White Pine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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 selection of a native North American species.