Honest Abe Creeping White Pine

Pinus strobus 'Honest Abe'



Honest Abe Creeping White Pine
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern White Pine

Description:

A creeping, trailing variety very unlike the species; features soft green needles, tends to crawl along the ground and over rocks or walls, or forms a small weeping accent plant if trained on a standard; beautiful if properly grown

Ornamental Features

Honest Abe Creeping White Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Honest Abe Creeping White Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Honest Abe Creeping White Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Honest Abe Creeping White Pine will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 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 is a selection of a native North American species.