Foxy Bristlecone Pine

Pinus aristata 'Foxy'



Foxy Bristlecone Pine
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This variety is a slow-growing, compact and dense form of an already slow-growing species, said to grow less than an inch a year; an excellent choice for rock gardens, or small landscape areas

Ornamental Features

Foxy Bristlecone Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has emerald green evergreen foliage. The needles remain emerald green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Foxy Bristlecone Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Foxy Bristlecone Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Foxy Bristlecone Pine will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage shrub for future generations!

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. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selection of a native North American species.