Don Smith Red Pine

Pinus resinosa 'Don Smith'



Don Smith Red Pine
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Norway Pine

Description:

An attractive dwarf evergreen shrub with upswept branches, presenting long, medium green needles; slow growing; an ideal detail plant for home gardens and rock gardens for form and texture

Ornamental Features

Don Smith Red Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Don Smith Red Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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.

Don Smith Red Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Don Smith Red Pine will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 70 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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.