Trollguld Scotch Pine

Pinus sylvestris 'Trollguld'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 9 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Scots Pine

Description:

A stunning broad and upright, conical garden shrub with intense yellow foliage that persists all year long; responds well to annual shearing for a tighter form; full sun gives best color, but provide afternoon shade in harsh summer landscapes



Trollguld Scotch Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Trollguld Scotch Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive gold-variegated yellow foliage with hints of lime green. The needles are highly ornamental and remain yellow throughout the winter.



Trollguld Scotch Pine foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Trollguld Scotch 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Trollguld Scotch Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Trollguld Scotch Pine will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.