Mexican Weeping Pine

Pinus patula



Mexican Weeping Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 80 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Jelecote Pine, Patula Pine, Spreading-leaved Pine

Description:

An amazing textural variety featuring long, silky needles that weep gracefully from the upright branches; single trunked, and very fast growing, but can be shaped and kept at a constant size; a great accent for the landscape

Ornamental Features

Mexican Weeping Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive green foliage with hints of chartreuse. The large sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. The brown fruits are held in cones from early fall to late summer.



Mexican Weeping Pine foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Mexican Weeping Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.

Mexican Weeping Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Mexican Weeping Pine will grow to be about 80 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for sandy, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.