Helga Austrian Pine

Pinus nigra 'Helga'



Helga Austrian Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: European Black Pine

Description:

A beautiful rounded evergreen with a mounded fluffy habit; very slow growing, with short green needles and white buds; a great choice for small gardens, containers; salt tolerant, a good choice for coastal landscapes

Ornamental Features

Helga Austrian Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Helga Austrian Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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.

Helga Austrian Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Helga Austrian Pine will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 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 is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.