# Soft Green Japanese Red Pine

***Pinus densiflora 'Soft Green'***



*Soft Green Japanese Red Pine foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

An interesting and very beautiful small garden accent shrub, featuring thin soft bright green needles and a very clean globular habit, ideal for general garden use; interesting tan buds burst forth on the new growth in spring; at its best in full sun

**Ornamental Features**

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

**Landscape Attributes**

Soft Green Japanese Red Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Soft Green Japanese Red Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Soft Green Japanese Red Pine will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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.