Rock Garden Mugo Pine

Pinus mugo 'Rock Garden'



Rock Garden Mugo Pine
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

Description:

This lovely miniature selection is perfect for rock gardens and smaller landscapes and will predictably grow wider than tall and feature dark green needles; also great for borders and foundation plantings or any small landscape area

Ornamental Features

Rock Garden Mugo Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Rock Garden Mugo Pine is a 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rock Garden Mugo Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Rock Garden Mugo Pine will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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.