



Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch

Larix kaempferi 'Little Bogle'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A dwarf, coniferous tree with deciduous needles which progress from green in spring to blue-green in summer then amazing bright yellow in fall; interesting irregular shape; can use for bonsai; prefers moist, sandy soil; looks sparse after needles fall

Ornamental Features

Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needle-like leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. The gold stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting



Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch in fall
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Little Bogle Dwarf Japanese Larch makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.