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Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*)

Distribution

Austrian Pine is not native to North America, but is widely used throughout a very wide range of sites.

Growth Habit

Austrian Pine is a dense and full upright evergreen. It can reach 50 feet tall and spread of 20 feet. It is a fairly fast growing tree at 12"-28" per year and is long lived. It has a rounded form and the bark is grey to yellow brown with cracking fissures at maturity.

Adaptability

Austrian Pine is a very adaptable conifer as it is both heat and cold tolerant. It grows in a wide variety of soils providing they are not too wet. It will tolerate soils that are close to saturation for short periods of time, but they are better suited to well-drained soils. It grows most vigorously in sites with good exposure to the sun.

Comments

- Austrian Pine has long been used as an ornamental species. When planting it as an ornamental, care should be taken not to plant it too close to any structures as its branches can spread to over 20 feet in diameter.
- It has also been used in numerous conservation practices over the years such as wind breaks and for soil conservation.
- Its wide-spreading growth habit is well suited for providing shade for homes, buildings and live stock.

