Wate's Golden Scrub Pine

Pinus virginiana 'Wate's Golden'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A colorful variety that grows medium to slow and upwardly irregular in shape; foliage emerges yellow and matures to a light green until fall and winter when it takes on a lovely yellow-golden hue; a perfect ornamental accent

Ornamental Features

Wate's Golden Scrub Pine has attractive light green evergreen foliage which emerges yellow in spring on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The needles are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Wate's Golden Scrub Pine is an evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 tree. 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.

Wate's Golden Scrub Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Wate's Golden Scrub Pine
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Wate's Golden Scrub Pine foliage
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Planting & Growing

Wate's Golden Scrub Pine will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.