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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 20 feet wide.

Adaptability: As mentioned above, Austrian Pine is a very adaptable conifer. 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 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 noted above, 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.

