

Botanical Name: Pinus torreyana

Common Name: Torrey pine

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to very irregular-shaped pine, usually widely-branched and forming a broad, open, uneven canopy; in cultivation tends to be more erect and symmetrical; height is largely dependent on water availability

Height 20'-40' (60') Spread equal Growth Rate mod.-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred; tolerates part sun inland

Soil tolerates most except highly alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 2-24): prefers a mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves needles: 5 per fascicle; mostly whorled towards the ends of the branches; dull gray-green, 9" - 15" long, stout

Flowers inconspicuous (cones)

Fruit cones round to ovoid, 5" - 8" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: a dramatic medium or large-scale accent tree, valued for its irregular windswept form: excellent for rustic or oriental-theme landscape used for slope plantings, large background screens, windbreaks; very durable.

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; tolerates considerable drought; frequent watering promotes rangy growth (less attractive)

Fertilizing little needed; too much gives rangy, unattractive growth

Pruning none required; for accent tree thin to get interesting form

Pests/Diseases relative free

Special Conditions

Origin: San Diego Co Family: Pinaceae