

Botanical Name: Pinus quadrifolia

Common Name: Four-needle Pinyon, Parry Pinyon

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape single-trunked, upright, very erect and pyramidal in youth,
becoming more irregular with an open flat top with age

Height 15'-30' (40') Spread 1/2 - 2/3 Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors requires full sun and heat; avoid shade

Soil prefers well-draining porous soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-21, 23): thrives in hot inland locations

Morphology:

Leaves needles, in clusters of (mostly) four per fascicle;
whorled along the stem; stiff, pale blue-green, 1"-2" long

Flowers male and female cones; small, inconspicuous; male cones
soon disintegrating as the pollen matures

Fruit female cone: round-oval, tan, 2"-3" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: an outstanding small accent tree, prized at any age for its
dense rugged form and blue-green foliage; good for slopes; can be used as
large container plant; thought to be the most picturesque of all pinyon species

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; the plant becomes very drought-
tolerant after established

Fertilizing none

Pruning none required; selectively heading back promotes fuller
shape; thinning out promotes rugged shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free; appears to be smog resistant

Special Conditions best adapted of the pinyons to L.A. Basin habitats
San Jacinto/Laguna Mtns south

Origin: to N. Baja Family: Pinaceae