

Botanical Name: Pinus pinea

Common Name: Italian stone pine

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, single-trunked, forming dense bushy globe in youth  
which becomes umbrella-shaped and flat-topped with age; branches become thick,  
covered with reddish-gray fissured bark

Height 3'-50'(80') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil well-draining preferred

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24): thrives in warm areas near the coast

Morphology:

Leaves needles: 2 per fascicle, whorled (mostly near ends of  
branches); 5"-8" long, gray-green, stiff

Flowers female strobilis (cone): axillary, solitary; takes 3 yrs.  
to mature

Fruit female cone: ovoid, glossy, chestnut-brown, 4"-6" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: used as large accent tree; good for parks, suitable for  
coastal-environment landscapes; becomes very striking as plant matures

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; avoid excessive watering; the  
plant becomes drought-tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed

Pruning leave alone unless access desired under canopy

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: France Family: Pinaceae