

Botanical Name: Pinus halepensis

Common Name: Aleppo pine

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to sprawling, single-trunked pine, with irregular branching forming a dense, spreading canopy having rather windswept appearance; smaller branches somewhat twisted

Height 25'-40' (50') Spread 1/2-3/4 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; becomes spindly in shaded locations

Soil tolerates most (including alkaline), except wet clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); tolerates wind, desert heat, ocean spray

Morphology:

Leaves needles: 2 per fascicle, whorled along branches; light green 2 1/2"-4" long, thin, mostly straight

Flowers inconspicuous (cones): the male 'flowers' are profuse, fall off

Fruit female cone: ovate, 2"-4" long, persist on tree for years

Propagation: seed

Usage: widely used pine, as background mass, windscreen; good for erosion on slopes; can be developed into accent tree if carefully pruned; best suited for larger landscape areas

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak: plant becomes drought tolerant; avoid heavy surface watering

Fertilizing a light application of balanced fertilizer, as needed

Pruning do some thinning in windy areas, otherwise very little

Pests/Diseases spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: S.Europe Family: Pinaceae