

Botanical Name: Pinus sabiniana

Common Name: Digger pine

Type of Plant: conifer: tree **Character** evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright yet variable pine in growth - may be single or multi-trunked, with a very loose, open-branched oval to rounded canopy; often is wispy in appearance

Height 30'-40' (50') **Spread** 1/2 - 3/4 **Growth Rate** rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun and fairly dry sites; tolerates some shade

Soil thrives in dry or fast-draining locales; avoid wet clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 14-24): best at warm inland areas

Morphology:

Leaves needles: 3 per fascicle, 8"-12" long, gray-green, rather sparsely arranged along smaller branches

Flowers none; female cones 6"-10" long, broadly oval-oblong, grayish-brown when mature

Fruit (see above)

Propagation: seed

Usage: best-suited for large landscapes; use as distinctive background silhouette tree for its unusual open structure; for Mediterranean or temperate-climate themes; excellent on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought-tolerant after established; prefers an occasional deep-soak irrigation

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning little needed; selectively thin out or head high for a more refined shape; avoid strongly heading back

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions dry foothill regions surrounding

Origin: central valley of Calif **Family:** Pinaceae