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## Big Tuna Mugo Pine

*Pinus mugo 'Big Tuna'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Mugho Pine, Swiss Mountain Pine

### Description:

A rugged and hardy strongly oval large shrub or small tree, wide spreading and dense, excellent for form and texture in home landscapes, allow enough room for its full mature size; needs full sun

### Ornamental Features

Big Tuna Mugo Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Big Tuna Mugo Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Big Tuna Mugo Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening

### Planting & Growing

Big Tuna Mugo Pine will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



*Big Tuna Mugo Pine*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Big Tuna Mugo Pine foliage*  
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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.