

## **Austrian Pine**

*Pinus nigra*

Needles in pairs, 3"-6" long, stiff, point sharp to touch

Prefers moist soil with good drainage, but adaptable

Good drought tolerance

Medium growth 1'-2' per year

Type – Evergreen Tree

Mature Height 50 – 60 ft.

Mature Width 20 – 40 ft.

**Austrian Pine** is an evergreen conifer, native from Europe to Asia Minor including Austria in central Europe, for which it is named. It has been widely planted in eastern and mid-western North America because of its bold texture, fullness of foliage, dark-green needles, and adaptability to urban conditions. Good for windbreaks. It was introduced to the United States in 1759. Over 217 million were planted during the nation's great dust bowl shelterbelt project. It has thrived for over 200 years in some of the worst soil and climate conditions America has to offer.