

Pinus torreyana

Torrey Pine



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CONIFER

40 - 70' high, 35' spread. Open picturesque form.

Gray-green needles, 7 - 13" long, 5/bundle.

Cones stay on the tree for about 10 years, slowly dropping their seeds.

Native habitat: restricted endemic on dry slopes below 5000' - near Del Mar and on Santa Rosa Island (Channel Islands).

Full sun. Frost resistant.

Smog tolerant. Well-drained soil.

Little or no water (1 x /month once established).

Moderate to fast growth. Can be grown inland on well-drained soil if not too much heat.

Do not prune (cut branches will die back to trunk). Long needles are good for making baskets. Seeds are edible.

RARE — CNPS List: 1B.2

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere. Fairly endangered in California).

