

# Slash Pine

*Pinus elliottii*



Container grown Slash Pine

The Slash Pine is named after its unique, narrow leaf structure, which resembles pins or slashes. This evergreen, coniferous tree is indigenous to the southeastern United States. Reaching heights of 80 to 100 feet, Pine trees are moderately fast growers and need full sun and well-draining soil. Cold hardy and benefiting from wet summers and humidity, these trees thrive in the infertile soils of sandhills, flatwoods, and wet lowlands, such as swamps and ponds.

Some commercial uses for them include utilizing their heavy, strong wood for construction including railroad ties, pilings, turpentine, furniture, and rosin. It is typical to see Pine trees in reforestation projects. In the wild, they make great food sources for squirrels and wild turkey. They are also known to be bird sanctuaries; wood packers, owls, eagles, and egrets are most commonly found nesting in their branches.

Pines have an extensive root system, which is best left undisturbed. Its needle-like branches can grow as long as 5 to 11 inches, and grow 2 or 3 at a time from the fascicle. Its bark is scaly, yet durable and hard. Pines typically grow in a cone-like shape.



Slash Pine needles



Slash Pine bark



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Slash Pine in the landscape

**Common Names:**

Swamp Pine, Cuban Pine, Yellow Slash Pine, Southern Pine, Pitch Pine

**Native Origin :**

North America

**Environment:**

Soil: acidic, loamy, sandy, well-drained, wet and clay soils  
Salt: moderate  
Exposure: full-sun to partial shade

**Description:**

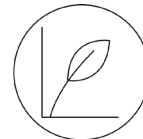
Hardy Range: 7 - 11  
Mature Height: 75 - 100ft  
Mature Spread: 30 - 50ft  
Growth Rate: medium to fast rate, with height increases of 13 - 24" per year  
Form: oval, pyramidal  
Persistence: evergreen

**Ornamental Characteristics:**

Pines have a green, needle-like, leaf shape that may turn yellow in the fall. In spring, they have inconspicuous flowers. Their pine cones attract squirrels and other mammals. Pines tend to be considered messy due to their significant litter of fruit, twigs, and foliage, however, the fallen pine needles can be used as pine straw, a natural mulch for other garden areas.



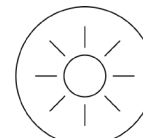
Evergreen



Fast growth



High wetness tolerance



Full Sun



South Eastern Native