

## ELDARICA / AFGHAN PINE

### *PINUS eldarica* 'Afghan or Mondell' Pine



- Height: 30-60'  
Spread: 25-40'  
Shape: Upright and Pyramidal, columnar evergreen tree with dark green foliage. Symmetrical, smooth Pyramidal form  
Foliage: Dark green. Dense emerald evergreen. Paired alternately, spiral medium green needles are five to 6.5 inches long  
Fall Color: Evergreen  
Hardiness: 3 to 9  
Comments: Origin – Afghanistan, Pakistan and Russia. Popular in the Persian Gulf States. A tree of Royalty. Widely planted for screening, specimen use. Drought, heat and wind tolerant once established. Plant in dappled to full sun exposure. Does not tolerate wet conditions. pH range – 4.5 to 8.5. Produces 3" oval to oblong reddish-brown cones This is a great desert pine that tolerates heat, wind and drought conditions. It has strong branches and soft needles and is open and airy as compared with similar trees. This tree gives off a mild and fresh fragrance and is a great choice for people who want to grow Christmas trees on marginal soils in tough climates. Eldarica Pines also make good windbreaks in tough areas. Shapely tree with wide spacing between branches. Stiff long dark green needles at maturity. Grows in most hot, dry climates as well as tolerating colder climates. Eldarica Pine planted in windbreak makes valuable cover, nesting and breeding areas for upland game and songbirds. In winter, seeds and fruits of trees and shrubs provide food for non-migratory species. Plant as fine textured screen or specimen recommended for buffer strips around parking lots or for median strip plantings in the highway; reclamation plant; specimen; no proven urban tolerance. Best Pine for alkaline soil conditions. Christmas tree shape

