Afghan / Mondel / Eldarica / Goldwater Pine (Common Name)

*Pinus brutia var. eldarica* (Scientific Name)

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Canopy potential: 15’ – 25’ wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36”

Powerline Friendly: 30’ – 80’ from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: Needs on 5 to 6 inches long, singular (no bundle sheath) juvenile needles small blue, strongly present when young.

Flowers: Flowers in March after which are grown relatively smallish cones that ripening to open the following January.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Moderate

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Regular irrigation, especially in Summer. Prune to elevate the base. Plant in full sun. Is tolerant to most soils.

Ecosystem Services: A terrific specimen tree, it is also often used in groups for a windbreak, as a buffer or median tree, and is becoming a popular Christmas tree in some areas.