

Austrian Pine

Pinus nigra

The Austrian pine adapts well to the King's Deer area. It is a very full tree, with dense foliage from the ground up, and thus provides an effective wind and view barrier. It also can be a very effective "snow fence."

Austrian pines are relatively fast growing pines—another reason they can be a good selection for a natural snow fence. Place in areas of full sun. They tolerate a range of soil conditions but as with any plants in the King's Deer area, it is best to first amend the soil with organic materials due to the naturally poor soil conditions throughout King's Deer.

Austrian pine transplants readily. After two or three years of supplemental watering it becomes well established and rarely needs additional watering beyond what is naturally provided except in the driest of years.

This becomes a relatively large tree so it should not be placed too close to a house or other structure. A real benefit of the Austrian pine is that it is not attacked by the mountain pine beetle that can devastate ponderosa pine forests which are native to this area.

