

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Pinus mugo*

**Family:** Pinaceae (Pine)

**Hardiness:** Zone 2

**Leaves:** Evergreen

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Slow

**Mature Height:** <25'

**Longevity:** Medium

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Fruit:** Brown cones

**Fall Color:** n/a

## Mugo Pine

### Description

A small- to large-sized shrubby evergreen which varies in form and size. The Swiss mountain pine (*P. mugo* ssp. *uncinata*) is a tree-form of mugo pine. Introduced from Europe in 1779. Needles persist for more than 5 years. Dark green color year-round and resists winter burn.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun only.

**Water:** Drought resistant, no watering necessary.

**Soil:** Adaptable to many soil types.

### Comments

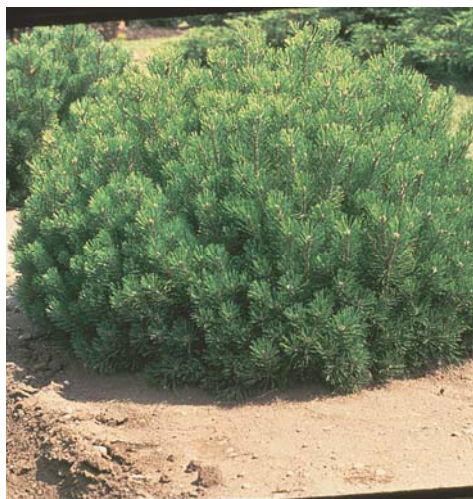
Prized for its dwarf cultivars which are useful in landscape plantings, over 40 dwarf cultivars are available including some that are excellent for railroad and miniature gardens.

Two cultivars to consider are:

'Gnom' - Very dwarf mounded form.

'Mops' - Dwarf globe, 3 feet tall and wide.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook



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