Prairie Statesman® Swiss Stone Pine

*Pinus cembra* 'Herman' (Family: Pinaceae)

**Description:** This five-needled cultivar is a very elegant, stately tree. Its lateral branches curve markedly upward and slightly inward, resulting in a narrowly-erect, strikingly-dense growth habit. Color of needles year-round is a rich emerald-green, with silvery-blue overtones. Prairie Statesman® is extremely cold hardy and drought tolerant making this singularly outstanding specimen evergreen an excellent choice for use as a landscape specimen tree.

**Hardiness:** USDA hardiness zone 2b-7.

**Mature Size:**
- Height: 30’
- Spread: 15’

**Form (Shape):** Narrowly-erect form.

**Growth Rate:** Slow to Moderate

**Foliage:** Rich emerald-green needles with silvery-blue overtones year-round.

**Texture:** Medium to Fine

**Flower:** Inconspicuous, no ornamental value.

**Fruit:** 3” violet-brown cone, which remain on the tree for 3 years. Cones never open.

**Special Features:** Narrowly-erect, strikingly-dense rich emerald-green with silvery-blue overtone growth

**Light Preferences:** Full sun.

**Soil Preferences:** Needs well-drained soil.

**Propagation:**

**Ornamental Attributes:** Prairie Statesman® Swiss Stone Pine has outstanding perfectly symmetrical upright narrow form with a strikingly-dense growth habit.

**Landscape Attributes:** It has increased hardiness and drought tolerance. Resistant to most pests and diseases. Transplants very well and needs little pruning for a strong structure. It is recommended as a landscape specimen tree.

**Comments:** Originated as a seedling selection. Deer browsing can be an issue with this species.

**Availability:** Iseli Nursery, Oregon Pride Nurseries, Inc. (Available 2013), Sester Farms, Inc. (Available 2013)