

## Pinus Excelsa, Blue Pine - 0.5 Kg Seeds



Pinus wallichiana, This tree is often known as Bhutan pine, (not to be confused with the recently described Bhutan white pine, Pinus bhutanica, a closely related species). Other names include blue pine, Himalayan pine and Himalayan white pine.

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Description Himalayan Blue Pine is a dense evergreen tree, found in the Himalayas, from Afghanistan to Tibet, and forms forests at altitudes of 1800-4300 m. The tree is distinguished by its clusters of long cylindrical hanging cones, and its needle-like blue-green leaves. The tree grows up to 50 m tall, symmetric and pyramidal in shape.

**Common name:** Himalayan Blue Pine, Himalayan Pine, Bhutan Pine, Himalayan White Pine

**Color:** green

**Bloom time:** April-June.

**Height:** 50 m

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

**Planting & Care**

Place 2 or 3 seeds in 7cm (3") pots of seed compost, giving enough water to make the mixture barely moist. Cover the pot with clear plastic wrap. Place the pots in bright light at a temperature of 18 to 21°C (65 to 70°F). Water enough to keep soil from drying out completely.

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 12 - 17°C.

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- Potting soil used for palm plants should be well draining, and any container used for the plant should have ample drainage holes in the bottom.
- Soil should be moist at all times during the growing season, although it is essential to avoid over-saturation, which can lead to root rot.

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**Care:**

- Seeds may also be placed in hot water and soaked overnight.
- Place seeds in a moist soil medium, cover with a light sprinkle of soil and place in a warm, bright location.
- Seeds generally take about a week to germinate, according to Guide to Houseplants.

**Special Feature:**

Cones are 15-25 cm long, in clusters of 2-3. Cone scales are wedge-shaped, wide near the apex - basal scales are usually not, or only slightly, reflexed, very resinous. Its wood is highly resinous, and is used for local construction, carpentry and making tea-chests.  
Use

**Note:**

No serious insect or disease problems.

**Reference:**

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/riresearch/search.php?query=Pinus+Excelsa&stpos=0&stype=AND>