

# Bonsaitopia

## Care guide – White Pine

Conifer that produces sets of 5 (penta) needles, one side of the needle being grey/white. Its needles are ideal for bonsai as they become quite small.

### Location

Outside in full sun.

### Soil

A good recipe is kiryuzuna and akadama in equal doses.

### Watering

Always let it dry well between waterings.

### Pruning

Cut the candles with your fingers, when they start to grow but before the needles elongate, remove  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of their total length in order to balance the energy of the tree, in the areas that emit several candles together we must completely cut the largest and reduce the length of the others. In winter, you should clean the old needles to facilitate air circulation and the entry of light. Thick branches must be cut in winter, leaving a stump first, which will be removed the following year.

### Wiring

It is a species with a lot of elasticity so it is easy to use wires, preferably in winter.

## Repotting

It should be repotted every 3 years, as soon as it comes into activity, with the increase in the volume of the candles, using a mixture that favors drainage. This operation is delicate, so the roots should not be cut too far and some mycorrhiza found in the outer layer of the old soil should be used.