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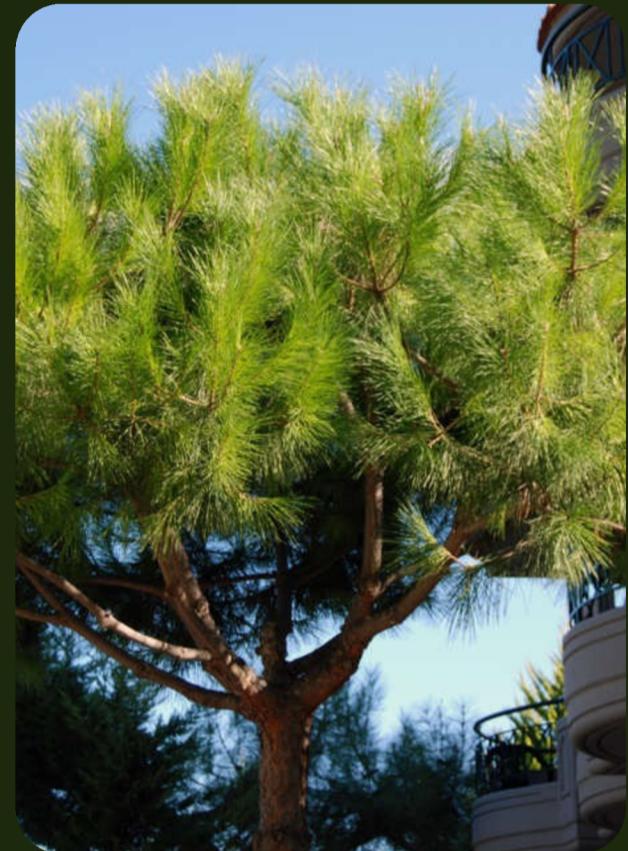
Pinus pinea, commonly known as Stone Pine or Umbrella Pine, is a majestic evergreen conifer belonging to the Pinaceae family. While it displays a more rounded form in its younger years, as it matures its lower branches shed, transforming the crown into a broad, flat, and aesthetically pleasing umbrella shape.



The species is native to the Mediterranean Basin. It naturally grows across a region extending from Southern Europe to North Africa and the coastal areas of Turkey. Since ancient Roman and Greek times, it has been cultivated both for its shade and for its valuable seeds (pine nuts). In Turkey, it is an indispensable component of forests and coastal roads, especially in the Aegean and Mediterranean regions.

Cultivation and Uses

The Stone Pine prefers full sunlight and light, non-calcareous, deep soils. It is highly resistant to sea salt spray and wind, making it ideal for coastal landscaping. Although it requires regular watering during its early years, once its root system is well established, it becomes highly drought-tolerant.



In landscaping, it is commonly used as a majestic shade tree in large open spaces, parks, or at the entrances of large villas. Its characteristic umbrella-shaped crown harmonizes perfectly with modern architecture. In addition, its seeds (pine nuts) are of high economic value. Thanks to its trunk structure and the wide spread of its branches, it also functions effectively as a windbreak or noise barrier. Maintenance is generally limited to the removal of dried lower branches.