Blue Haze New Zealand Burr

Acaena saccaticupula 'Blue Haze'



Blue Haze New Zealand Burr foliage
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Height: 5 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This is a lovely ornamental plant that forms a low mat of steel blue ferny foliage; likes moisture but will tolerate short dry periods; perfect for adding interest to border fronts and planters

Ornamental Features

Blue Haze New Zealand Burr features solitary balls of green pincushion flowers held atop the stems from early to mid summer. Its serrated ferny leaves remain steel blue in color throughout the season. The dark red fruits are held in clusters in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Haze New Zealand Burr is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Haze New Zealand Burr is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Blue Haze New Zealand Burr will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Haze New Zealand Burr is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.