Drew's Blue™ Siberian Carpet Cypress

Microbiota decussata 'Condrew'



Drew's Blue Siberian Carpet Cypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Russian Arborvitae

Description:

An interesting cold hardy evergreen with attractive bluish-green foliage that turns maroon in winter; a mounded dense habit well suited for rock gardens; performs very well in shade, also needs well-drained but moist soils and wind protection

Ornamental Features

Drew's Blue Siberian Carpet Cypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage turn burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Drew's Blue Siberian Carpet Cypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Drew's Blue Siberian Carpet Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Drew's Blue Siberian Carpet Cypress will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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