Blue Ball Korean Pine

Pinus koraiensis 'Blue Ball'



Blue Ball Korean Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

This is a miniature variety, displaying beautiful bluish needles in a very slow growing, dense ball form; a beautiful small garden accent



Blue Ball Korean Pine foliage
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Ornamental Features

Blue Ball Korean Pine is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has silvery blue-variegated light green foliage. The needles remain light green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Ball Korean Pine is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Ball Korean Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Blue Ball Korean Pine will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. 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 to a ripe old age of 120 years or more; think of this as a heritage shrub for future generations!

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.