Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir

Abies alba 'Hedge'



Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Hiedge Silver Fir, Dwarf European White Fir

Description:

A miniature selection forming a nice, nest shaped habit with layered branches and short, mid-green needles; very slow growing; compact form is perfect for smaller gardens, makes a wonderful evergreen accent plant

Ornamental Features

Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive forest green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain forest green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir is a dense 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 usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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 for 50 years or more.

This shrub 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Hedge Dwarf Silver Fir makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.