Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra

Pachysandra axillaris 'Windcliff Fragrant'



Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

An exceptional evergreen groundcover that performs well in deep shade or beneath mature shade trees; dislikes hot sun; fragrant white, spidery flowers in early spring, that may repeat in fall; shiny foliage has great texture

Ornamental Features

Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra's attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning dark green in color the rest of the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features dainty spikes of fragrant white spider-like flowers with burgundy calyces along the stems in early spring.

Landscape Attributes

Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra is a dense herbaceous evergreen 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Windcliff Fragrant Pachysandra will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for poor, acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.