Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir

Abies koreana 'Prostrate Beauty'



Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A spectacular dwarf garden accent with distinctive bluish white-banded needles on a wide-spreading horizontal shrub, an excellent plant for interest in the garden; slow growing, exhibits some heat tolerance

Ornamental Features

Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive forest green foliage with silver undersides. The needles are highly ornamental and remain forest green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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 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.

Prostrate Beauty Korean Fir makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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.