Blue Noble Fir

Abies procera 'Glauca'



Blue Noble Fir foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A large and beautiful evergreen tree with long sweeping branches and stunning blue-gray foliage both on top and underneath; smooth silvery-gray bark becomes red-brown and fissured with age; this tree really stands out on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Blue Noble Fir is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive steel blue foliage with hints of silver. The needles are highly ornamental and remain steel blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Noble Fir is an evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Noble Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Blue Noble Fir will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.