Vardar Valley Boxwood

Buxus sempervirens 'Vardar Valley'



Vardar Valley Boxwood
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Common Box

Description:

A naturally compact and mounded shrub that's wider than tall, very uniform in habit; dark bluish-green evergreen foliage and slightly contorted branches give it a very distinctive appearance, takes pruning very well

Ornamental Features

Vardar Valley Boxwood is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage. The small round leaves remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Vardar Valley Boxwood 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vardar Valley Boxwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Vardar Valley Boxwood will grow to be about 30 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 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Vardar Valley Boxwood makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.