Silberperle Korean Fir

Abies koreana 'Silberperle'



Silberperle Korean Fir
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Silver Pearl, Hexenbesen Horstmann No. 1

Description:

A choice garden plant with a globe shape in youth that becomes pyramidal with age; deep green needles have silvery undersides which are very showy, excellent as a color accent in a rock garden or smaller garden setting; needs even moisture and shelter

Ornamental Features

Silberperle Korean Fir is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive emerald green foliage with silver undersides which emerges silver in spring. The small needles are highly ornamental and remain emerald green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silberperle Korean Fir is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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.

Silberperle Korean Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



Silberperle Korean Fir foliage
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Planting & Growing

Silberperle Korean Fir will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 60 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Silberperle Korean Fir in spring
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