Cesarini Blue Limber Pine

Pinus flexilis 'Cesarini Blue'



Cesarini Blue Limber Pine
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

The needles of this magnificent native are a brilliant powder blue color, and are at their most intense from summer through to winter; slow growing and smaller than the species making it a better choice for smaller yards

Ornamental Features

Cesarini Blue Limber Pine is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. The shaggy gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Cesarini Blue Limber Pine foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Cesarini Blue Limber Pine is a dense 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. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cesarini Blue Limber Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Cesarini Blue Limber Pine will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.