Prostrate Blue Noble Fir

Abies procera 'Glauca Prostrata'



Prostrate Blue Noble Fir
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An attractive trailing evergreen with steel blue foliage all season long; a good groundcover for sheltered gardens, slowly spreads to cover an area although not aggressive; needs moist conditions and protection from drying winds



Prostrate Blue Noble Fir foliage
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Ornamental Features

Prostrate Blue Noble Fir is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive steel blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain steel blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Prostrate Blue Noble Fir is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prostrate Blue Noble Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Prostrate Blue Noble Fir will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 70 years or more.

This shrub 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.