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Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae

Thuja koraiensis 'Glauca Prostrata'



Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: syn. Thuja koreana

Description:

A prostrate, graceful garden shrub featuring fern-like blue-green foliage that is silvery-blue underneath; ideal for garden detail or foundation plantings; provide afternoon shade in hot summer climates; protect from drying winter winds

Ornamental Features

Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with silvery blue undersides which emerges green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. 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.

Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae will grow to be about 3 feet 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.

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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 or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Glauca Prostrata Korean Arborvitae makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.