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# Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir Abies koreana 'Blauer Pfiff'

Height: 5 feet Spread: 7 feet Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Blue Whistle Korean Fir

### **Description:**

An excellent accent shrub with graceful branches supporting short stems covered with dense needles; a slow growing spreading habit distinguishes this fir; great as an accent for the garden or along borders

#### **Ornamental Features**

Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges powder blue in spring. The small needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.



Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir fruit Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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.

Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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## **Planting & Growing**

Blauer Pfiff Korean Fir will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.