



*Attractive fir cones of Abies koreana*

*Abies koreana* is a medium sized conifer which in the right location grows into a superb specimen plant. Growing up to 15m in height, it has a neat pyramidal form with a straight stem and neat, symmetrical growth.

The needles are mid green with a silvery underside, short and flattened. They spiral around the whole stem. The fresh growth when it emerges, bursts from the buds a bright yellow green.

One of the finest qualities of *Abies koreana* is the large cones that sit proud atop the stems. Growing up to 10cm, they are a bluish purple in colour before maturity. This is a popular choice for an ornamental conifer as it can have abundant cone production, even on juvenile plants.

Korean fir prefers a neutral to acid soil and should be protected from cold drying winds. For the best show, plant alongside plants with stunning autumn colour such as *Acer palmatum*, *Viburnum plicatum*, *Euonymus alatus*

## **Plant Profile**

<b>Name:</b>	<i>Abies koreana</i>
<b>Common name:</b>	Korean Fir
<b>Family:</b>	Pinaceae
<b>Height:</b>	up to 15m
<b>Demands:</b>	Neutral to acid soil. Does not tolerate cold, dry winds
<b>Foliage:</b>	Short flattened needles with a silver underside. Evergreen
<b>Fruit:</b>	Purple-blue cones are produced which sit upright about the stems
<b>Bark:</b>	Smooth, grey brown with resin blisters



*Bonsai pruned Korean Fir*



Deepdale

This plant is now endangered in its native South Korea due to climate change and invasive species.



*Fresh growth in spring*



*Field grown specimen*



*The bark and canopy*



*Bonsai pruned *Abies koreana**



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