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.

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**Plant Profile**

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

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

Juvenile cones sit upright on the branches

Bonsai pruned Abies koreana

Short flat needles with a silver underside