



Cliff Green
Paxistima canbyi

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Canby Paxistima

Description:

A subtle low-growing evergreen groundcover for moist organic soils, spreads into a thick, low mat, but not invasive; foliage and texture are distinctive and effective, quite adaptable, but prefers full sun; worthy of greater garden use

Ornamental Features

Cliff Green's glossy narrow leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Cliff Green is a spreading perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Cliff Green is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover



Cliff Green foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Cliff Green will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.