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Cliff Green

Cliff Green - New For 2026!
Paxistima canbyi



Cliff Green foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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 has dark green evergreen foliage on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cliff Green is a spreading evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This shrub 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

Planting & Growing

Cliff Green will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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.