Purple King Mountain Plum Pine

Podocarpus lawrencei 'Purple King'



Purple King Mountain Plum Pine
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Description:

This is a showy more prostrate evergreen shrub with very noticeable cream new growth atop the older blue-green needles; changes to a bronzy-purple in late fall; adds a wonderful texture to a border or rock garden



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Ornamental Features

Purple King Mountain Plum Pine has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges creamy white in spring on a dwarf conifer with a mounded habit of growth. The needles are highly ornamental and turn purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Purple King Mountain Plum Pine is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple King Mountain Plum Pine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Purple King Mountain Plum Pine will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.