Blue Fox Willow

Salix brachycarpa 'Blue Fox'



Blue Fox Willow
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

A very attractive upright rounded shrub with fine, silvery-blue foliage all season long; extremely hardy, controlled compact habit of growth, takes pruning well; great for form, texture and color in the garden

Ornamental Features

Blue Fox Willow has attractive silvery blue deciduous foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour. The purple stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Fox Willow is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Fox Willow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Blue Fox Willow will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.