Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue

Pinus flexilis 'Cesarini Blue'



Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

The needles of this magnificent native are a brilliant powder blue color, and are at their most intense from summer through to winter; slow growing and smaller than the species making it a better choice for smaller yards

Ornamental Features

Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. The shaggy gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Pine, (Limber) Cesarini Blue will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): Cones are oval shaped 3 to 6 inches long, and hang down taking 2 years to mature. Young cones are purple changing to brown as they mature. Clean up for the cones are raking and bagging them, The inside needles shed in fall or spring an be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness is on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.