



**Mountain Lover**  
*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**

Mountain Lover has dark green foliage. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Mountain Lover 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

Mountain Lover is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Mountain Lover 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.



*Mountain Lover foliage*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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.