Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Lucas'



Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Bright butter yellow foliage becomes more intense in winter months; a tidy pyramidal habit of growth makes it a perfect choice as a residential landscape accent, along the back of borders; or for screening

Ornamental Features

Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated yellow foliage. The twisted scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain yellow throughout the winter.



Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with 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 shrub. 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.

Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Lucas Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.