Melody Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Melody'



Melody Hinoki Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Bright lemon yellow foliage over light green; a narrow, upright habit of growth makes it a perfect choice as a residential landscape accent, along the back of borders; or for screening

Ornamental Features

Melody Hinoki Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive light green-variegated lemon yellow foliage. The twisted scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain lemon yellow throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Melody Hinoki Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Melody Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Melody Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It has a low canopy, 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.