Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress

Cupressus arizonica 'Silver Smoke'



Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Cupressus arizonica var. glabra

Description:

A pyramidal, upright accent tree, presenting foliage that is wonderfully silver-blue with white flecks; use as a solitary accent in the yard or a large garden, very hard to miss all season long

Ornamental Features

Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive white-spotted silvery blue foliage. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Silver Smoke Arizona Cypress will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.