Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress

Cupressus macrocarpa 'Saligna Aurea'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: syn. Coneybear's Weeping Golden Cypress

Description:

An irregularly pyramidal weeping variety, with beautiful golden threadlike foliage elegantly draped from its branches; tolerant of wind and salt spray; this variety may grow quite large in ideal conditions, but can be maintained by pruning

Ornamental Features

Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has attractive gold foliage with hints of green which emerges chartreuse in spring. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent



Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress
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Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress foliage
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Planting & Growing

Golden Weeping Monterey Cypress will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.