Kamarachiba Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Kamarachiba'



Kamarachiba Falsecypress foliage
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Hinoki Cypress

Description:

A colorful addition to any home landscape or garden, this low growing, spreading shrub features flat sprays of golden-green lacy foliage that transitions to golden-yellow in winter; very slow growing, perfect for sunny borders, or rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Kamarachiba Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive gold-variegated lime green foliage with hints of yellow. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn coral-pink in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Kamarachiba Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Kamarachiba Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Kamarachiba Falsecypress will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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.

Kamarachiba Falsecypress makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.