Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Ivonne'



Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Yvonne Lawson Falsecypress, Port Orford Cedar

Description:

A perfect color accent to the garden or landscape; a slow growing selection producing sprays of yellow foliage that eventually matures to green; lights up border areas and has tremendous winter interest when foliage takes on a golden hue

Ornamental Features

Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive chartreuse-variegated lime green foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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.

Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Ivonne Lawson Falsecypress will grow to be about 20 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 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.