Pinpoint® Gold Lawson Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'SMNCLMG'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Oregon Cedar, Port Orford Cedar

Group/Class: Pinpoint Series

Description:

A dense and upright selection with a tightly columnar habit of growth; rich golden new foliage over mature green lends a feathery texture and contrast to the landscape; great for screening, in borders, or as a focal point



Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive gold-variegated bluish-green foliage with hints of yellow which emerges gold in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress
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Landscape Attributes

Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 medium 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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.

Pinpoint Gold Lawson Falsecypress makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. 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.