Cedar Rapids® Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis pisifera 'RutCham1'



Cedar Rapids Falsecypress
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Japanese Falsecypress, Sawara Falsecypress

Description:

A choice specimen plant for home landscapes; features very soft, feathery lime-green foliage on a handsome pyramidal shape; makes a great textural impact when grouped in line as a hedge or screen

Ornamental Features

Cedar Rapids Falsecypress is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive lime green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain lime green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Cedar Rapids Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with 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. 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.

Cedar Rapids Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cedar Rapids Falsecypress will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.