Emerald Sentinel Redcedar

Juniperus virginiana 'Emerald Sentinel'



Emerald Sentinel Redcedar
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A narrowly pyramidal small evergreen tree; features attractive deep green foliage and showy blue berries; adaptable to dry soils, but needs full sun; excellent for articulation or screening, makes a great tall evergreen hedge

Ornamental Features

Emerald Sentinel Redcedar is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces silvery blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Emerald Sentinel Redcedar is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Emerald Sentinel Redcedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Emerald Sentinel Redcedar will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.