Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Filicoides Compacta'



Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Compact Fernspray Hinoki Cypress

Description:

A unique selection with branches that look more like fern fronds; each arching branch tapers to a small point; presents an attractive open habit, or prune to maintain a more compact shape; a beautiful focal point or evergreen screen

Ornamental Features

Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue which emerges chartreuse in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Fernleaf Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 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 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.