

Chamaecyparis pisifera

(Japanese False Cypress)

False cypress is an evergreen conifer originated from Japan. Only the cultivated forms are used as they are more decorative and compact in growth. The bark is reddish brown and peels off. The leaves are either needle or scale like.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: kam-uh-SIP-er-us pi-SIF-er-uh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Japan

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Container, Windbreak

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Pyramidal

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Scale

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Waxy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Cones

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Cutting
