

Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Filifera Arurea'

(Sawara cypress, Japanese Falsecypress)

Japanese falsecypress is an evergreen conifer native to Japan. It comes in a wide variety of cultivars, some of which or compact or dwarf, and feature different leaf types. The wild-type has needle-like foliage when young to scale-like when older. The fissured bark peels off. Japanese falsecypress does best in moist, acidic soil with moderate winters and summers. The trees should be protected from harsh winds. It can tolerate drought, but must be watered if it gets too hot. The pollen can cause allergies, and the foliage may cause skin irritation.



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, Specimen, Border Plant, Container
- Size/Shape**
- Growth Rate:** Slow
- Tree Shape:** Pyramidal
- Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical
- Canopy Density:** Dense
- Canopy Texture:** Fine
- Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m
- Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters
- Time to Ultimate Height:** 20 to 50 Years

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Leaf Image

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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:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Fissured, Papery

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Cones

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Green, Brown

**Seasons:** Spring

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Fruit Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**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

**Diseases:** Root rot

**Edible Parts:** None

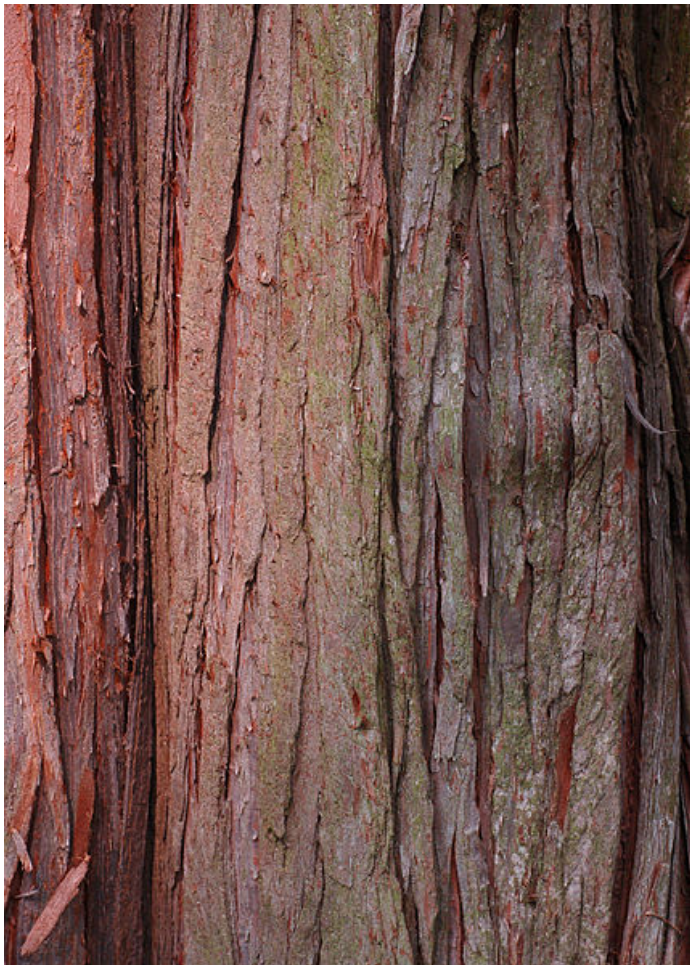
**Pests:** Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Grafting

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