Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Kosteri'

(hinoki cypress)

Hinoki cypress is native to Japan. For it to survive it needs full sunlight but can tolerate light to dappled shade.

It adapts to a variety well-drained of soils, from sandy sites to clay. Moreover it can tolerate drought.

Also it requires pruning only when a branh is dead, broken or poorly formed, since heavy pruning can ruin its unique appearance.

Plant Image

Landscape Information

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Japan

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

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

Uses: Specimen, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Pyramidal, Columnar

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistance: 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

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Dry

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: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: 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: Grafting

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