Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Saffron Spray'



Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A very slow growing variety with green foliage that is splashed with butter yellow variegation; will reach maturity with a roughly conical shape; a striking choice for the residential landscape, the garden as an accent plant, or in containers

Ornamental Features

Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated dark green foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub 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 shrub. 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.

Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 shrub 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.

Saffron Spray Hinoki Falsecypress makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.