Silver Lode Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Silver Lode'



Silver Lode Falsecypress
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Falsecypress, Sawara Falsecypress

Description:

A variety of threadleaf falsecypress with fine, almost string-like brilliant green foliage, with recurving fans splashed with silver cream; ideal for color and texture contrast in the garden; grows very slowly and upright



Silver Lode Falsecypress foliage
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Ornamental Features

Silver Lode Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage. The recurved threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Lode Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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.

Silver Lode Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Silver Lode Falsecypress will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Silver Lode 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.