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Yellow Arizona Cypress

Cupressus arizonica 'Sulphurea'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Sulphurea Arizona Cypress, C. arizonica var glabra

Description:

A columnar accent tree, presenting foliage that has a wonderful blue-green hue with gold highlights and white flecks; use as a solitary accent in the yard or a large garden; very hard to miss when massed as a hedge

Ornamental Features

Yellow Arizona Cypress is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive white-spotted bluish-green foliage with hints of gold. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Yellow Arizona Cypress is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yellow Arizona Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Yellow Arizona Cypress
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Yellow Arizona Cypress foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Yellow Arizona Cypress will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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