



Cedar, Alaskan Variegated

Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Aureovariegata'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Alaska Cedar, Nootka Falsecypress, Xanthocyparis

Description:

A truly show-stopping evergreen, featuring bright green foliage splashed with bright yellow, forms a graceful upright oval shape, absolutely wonderful accent tree for small landscapes; best in moist, rainy conditions but very adaptable to our climate

Ornamental Features

Cedar, Alaskan Variegated is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated white foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain white throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Cedar, Alaskan Variegated is an evergreen tree with a shapely oval 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 tree, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cedar, Alaskan Variegated is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



Cedar, Alaskan Variegated foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Cedar, Alaskan Variegated will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Sheds some inside foliage in the autumn or spring, few to some 1/4 to 1/2 inch seeds. Chamaecyparis are not classified as toxic to people or pets.