



Cypress Arizona, Chaparral
Cupressus arizonica 'Chaparral'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: *Cupressus arizonica* var. *glabra*

Description:

A pyramidal accent tree, with graceful branching and fine blue-green foliage; use as a solitary accent in the yard or a large garden; an excellent screen; highly heat and drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Cypress Arizona, Chaparral is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges powder blue in spring. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Cypress Arizona, Chaparral is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Cypress Arizona, Chaparral is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Cypress Arizona, Chaparral
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Cypress Arizona, Chaparral foliage
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- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cypress Arizona, Chaparral will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

The Arizona Cypress are drought tolerant but in eastern Washington and the surrounding area they will need to be watered regularly, the amount of water depends on the amount of wind and heat we get. Cupressus generally not considered toxic to children or to pets.