



**Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue**  
*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'SMNCLBF'*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Oregon Cedar, Port Orford Cedar

Group/Class: Pinpoint Series

**Description:**

A dense and upright selection with a tightly columnar habit of growth; stunning dark blue-green foliage with silvery blue highlights lends a feathery texture and contrast to the landscape; great for screening, in borders, or as a focal point

**Ornamental Features**

Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of silvery blue which emerges light green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue*  
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foliage  
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- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 70 years or more.

This shrub 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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Cypress, Lawson Pinpoint Blue makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.

### **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.