



Western Red Cedar, Sugar And Spice

Thuja plicata 'Derakt'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Western Arborvitae, Western Red Cedar

Description:

A neat, narrow growing, upright evergreen garden shrub with fine textured green foliage on orange-brown stems; doesn't require pruning to maintain its form; very heat tolerant, and a good vertical accent plant for small spaces or mixed borders

Ornamental Features

Western Red Cedar, Sugar And Spice is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The shaggy antique red bark and coppery-bronze branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Western Red Cedar, Sugar And Spice is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. 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.

Western Red Cedar, Sugar And Spice is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Western Red Cedar, Sugar And Spice will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.