Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs

Cedrus deodara 'Karl Fuchs'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Himalayan Cedar

Description:

A graceful tree with a pyramidal habit of growth; powder blue new growth matures to a splendid aquamarine; best used as a colorful landscape accent; rich color year round for added winter interest.

Ornamental Features

Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive aqua bluish-green-variegated bluish-green foliage which emerges powder blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs is an 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, and can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent



Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs
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Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs foliage
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Planting & Growing

Cedar (Deodara), Karl Fuchs will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet 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 80 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): Some inside foliage can shed in the autumn or spring, and can be blown or raked onto the lawn then mowed or bagged. Cedars have male and female reproductive parts on one tree. 1 3/4-2 inch Male flowers are catkins or pollen cones and are on lower branches in autumn. Blue female cones grow upright on higher branches getting 3 3/4 inches, taking 2 years to mature. Clean up by raking and bagging the cones. 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. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.