# Cedar (Deodara), Feelin' Sunny Tree

***Cedrus deodara 'MonKinn'***



*Cedar (Deodara), Feelin' Sunny Tree foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Himalayan Cedar

**Description:**

An attractive small tree with a mounding habit of growth, dense branches are covered with sunny yellow-gold needles; a dwarf form that rarely develops a leader; great for small spaces in gardens

**Ornamental Features**

Cedar (Deodara), Feelin' Sunny Tree is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green-variegated gold foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

**Landscape Attributes**

Cedar (Deodara), Feelin' Sunny Tree is a dense evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. 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), Feelin' Sunny Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Cedar (Deodara), Feelin' Sunny Tree will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.