Cedar, Alaskan Blue Weeping

Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Glauca Pendula'



Cedar, Alaskan Blue Weeping
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Alaska Cedar, Nootka Falsecypress, Xanthocyparis

Description:

A graceful, delicately weeping tree with pendulous branches and sprays of delightful blue foliage, more so than the species; a colorful accent tree for the home landscape

Ornamental Features

Cedar, Alaskan Blue Weeping is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has powder blue evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain powder blue throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The shaggy antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Cedar, Alaskan Blue Weeping is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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, Alaskan Blue Weeping is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Cedar, Alaskan Blue Weeping will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 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.

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

Clean Up Ratings (3): Few to some 1/4 to 1/2 inch seeds can drop in the autumn or spring with some inner foliage, clean up by blowing or raking onto the lawn then mow or bag. 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.