Cedar of Lebanon, Blue Angel (Narrow)

Cedrus libani 'Blue Angel'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A beautiful, narrow cedar, with branches that arch out like angel wings, then gently weep at the tips; covered in powder-blue needles that are longer than typical for the species; a stunning structural accent for the garden

Ornamental Features

The Cedar of Lebanon, Blue Angel (Narrow) is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has attractive powder blue foliage edged in silvery blue which emerges light green in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain powder blue throughout the winter. The tan fruits are held in cones from mid spring to early summer.

Landscape Attributes

The Cedar of Lebanon, Blue Angel (Narrow) is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

The Cedar of Lebanon, Blue Angel (Narrow) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



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Planting & Growing

The Cedar of Lebanon, Blue Angel (Narrow) will grow to be about 25 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 should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Interior foliage can shed in the autumn or spring. Clean up by blowing or raking onto the lawn and mow or bag. 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 to 5 inches long and about 3 inches wide, 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.