Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider

Cupressocyparis x leylandii 'Gold Rider'



Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

This lovely cypress presents impressive golden foliage that is both fine and dense; foliage ages to a light green; a pyramidal upswept habit that makes a beautiful visual impact as a border or screen; may be maintained as a hedge or topiary

Ornamental Features

Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The tiny scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.



Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider is a dense evergreen tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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 is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Cypress, Leyland Gold Rider 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, 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 Ratings (3): Interior foliage can be raked up and bagged and seeds can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. In the autumn few to some 1/4 to 1/2 inch seeds can drop and can shed some inner foliage. 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.