Cypress, Arizona Blue Pyramid

Cupressus arizonica 'Blue Pyramid'



Cypress, Arizona Blue Pyramid foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A compact pyramidal accent tree, foliage is gracefully fine and blue-green in color; use as a solitary accent in the yard or a large garden; it is also spectacular as a sheared topiary accent in the garden

Ornamental Features

Cypress, Arizona Blue Pyramid is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The threadlike sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.



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Landscape Attributes

Cypress, Arizona Blue Pyramid is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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, Arizona Blue Pyramid is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Cypress, Arizona Blue Pyramid will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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 (2): Interior foliage can be raked up and bagged. Seeds can be blown or raked onto the lawn then mowed or bagged. In the autumn few to some 1 inch cones. It sheds 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.