

Falsecypress (*Chamaecyparis*)

Falsecypress can be used for just about any landscape situation if the right cultivar is chosen. They are quite useful for screens, hedges, and borders, perform well as foundation plants, and, in the right location, make excellent specimens, focal points and rock garden accents. Most prefer full sun (to light shade), well-drained soils, and protection from the Western Winds that create a dehydrating effect. All are extremely cold-hardy in our area and much farther north. As a result, they make excellent container plants for year-round beauty.

Why haven't you heard a lot about these "counterfeit cypresses"? That's probably our fault. The botanical name of this species is CHAMAECYPARIS. We paid a lot of money to go to college to learn how to pronounce this word, and we like to use it. It's pronounced "KAM-EE-SIP-A-RUSS". Adding to the confusion is the fact that many varieties are marketed simply as "cypress" — Dwarf Hinoki Cypress is one example. While widely varying—some have fan-shaped foliage, others threadlike—some are upright pyramids, others take on a weeping form — some are yellow, others are rich green or blue—all are part of the same closely-related group of species and all are worthy of inclusion in the landscape.

Literally hundreds of varieties exist; but our favorites (and the most commercially-available varieties) include the following:

Chamaemaris obtusa varieties:

Dwarf Hinoki: *Ch. obtusa 'nana gracilis'* Bright green fan-shaped foliage and an irregular habit characterize this upright pyramidal shrub that may approach five feet high and four feet wide. '*Kosterii*' is a slower-growing but slightly larger variation of Dwarf Hinoki.

Crippsii: One of our favorite varieties for bright, golden foliage, "krips-eye" has an upright broad to narrow pyramidal form that will eventually grow more than twelve feet high with a spread of six to eight feet (or more). We often use the foliage of this variety as decoration on Christmas wreaths.

Fern Spray: *Ch. obtusa 'flicoides'* The individual "leaves" of this cultivar closely resemble the delicate fronds of a fern (and on '*Goldspray*' are tinged with gold and a stronger gold color toward the edge of each "frond"). Eventually growing to about five feet high and three feet wide with a somewhat open, irregular habit.

Tetragona Aurea: *Ch. obtusa var. 'tetragona aurea'* A rugged, erect habit characterizes this variety that reaches nearly six feet high and three feet wide. Its "gold-dusted" foliage is borne on irregular sprays and compliments the overall nature of this specimen plant.

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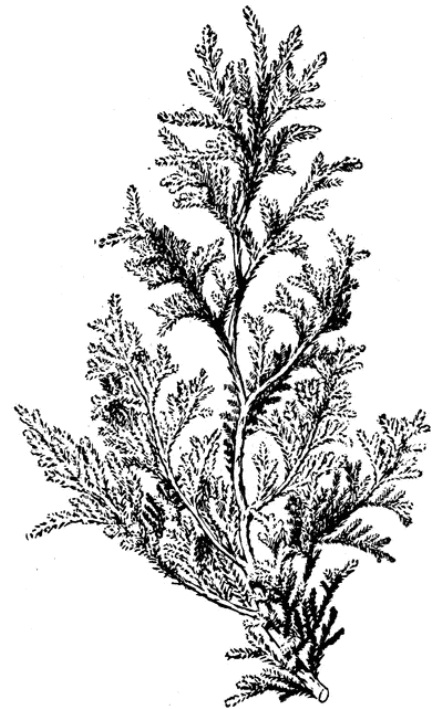


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Torulosa *Ch. obtusa var 'torulosa'* A distinguished member of the Hinoki family, *Torulosa* grows to nearly four feet high and three feet wide and has rich green foliage with contorted branches.

Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'pendula': Weeping Nootka Cypress is a large growing (to 40'+), upright and narrow variety with a straight trunk and weeping, "pendulous" branches. If you would like to develop a Japanese garden, this upright weeper makes an excellent specimen or backdrop.

Chamaecyparis pisifera varieties:

Goldthread: This species has an upright but weeping habit with pendulous, threadlike branches that fall toward the ground. Reaching about eight to ten feet high and four to five feet wide, the bright green to gold foliage makes a striking specimen or border where its height is appropriate for the situation.

Gold Mops: Called "Mops" because the threadlike yellow-golden foliage and dense habit of this shrub resembles the head of a mop, only *Crippsii* rivals this variety for pure golden color. Actually a dwarf 'Goldthread', Mops will grow to about three and one-half feet in height and slightly wider.

Sun Gold: Growing to a size reaching between that of 'Goldthread' and 'Gold Mops', this variety is slow-growing with a relaxed branching pattern and an eventual size of six feet high and eight feet wide. Foliage is similar to the thread-leaf varieties with a golden tint.

Boulevard: A very distinctive specimen with blue-gray foliage—just about the truest blue outside of the best blue spruce. Upright and pyramidal in habit, this cultivar may reach over twelve feet in height and four feet in width. We've seen it grow higher in more northern climates with the same narrow pyramidal shape. Pretty heat tolerant.



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