Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Gimborn Beauty'



Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Gimborn's Beauty, syn. Gerda von Gimborn-Dietz

Description:

A truly graceful garden evergreen with feathery, blue, juvenile foliage complimenting the adult foliage, on spreading branches; a special shrub for both color and texture in the garden; best used as an accent; prefers humid conditions

Ornamental Features

Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with white undersides and tinges of silver which emerges powder blue in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The rough brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 shrub. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Gimborn Beauty Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 15 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 is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.