



**Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress**  
*Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Confucius'*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

**Description:**

Bright golden foliage with whip-like tips and darker yellow-green on the inside; dense evergreen foliage forms a broad pyramid; a better choice than the species for the typical home landscape

**Ornamental Features**

Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress has attractive gold-variegated green foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The scale-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress*  
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*Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Confucius Hinoki Falsecypress will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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.