

Hinoki Cypress (Camecyparis Obtusa) Care

About The Hinoki Cypress

The Hinoki Cypress is a Japanese evergreen and the smallest of the cypress species. It is a conifer featuring flat deep green fan-like foliage. The leaves look like scales, with green above and a blue tint below. Some species can display a golden hue on the leaf tips.

It develops a dark brownish-red bark that quickly looks mature. This is an outdoor bonsai tree with a very hardy growth habit.

Placement

Hinoki cypress is a full sun loving shrub-like species. It can tolerate partial shade but growth will be inhibited. Protect from hard freezes by bringing into an unheated cold frame or garage during the winter.

Watering

Hinoki prefer a damp soil so water when the top of the soil appears dry. Do not allow the rootball to dry between waterings.

Fertilizing

Fertilize monthly with pellet based fertilizer during the growing season. Avoid feeding during the winter months.

Pruning & Trimming

Prune new shoots back to the deep green new leaf. Whole branches may be pruned in the spring to stimulate vigor in the remaining shoots.

Repotting

Repotting should only be necessary every 3-5 years, depending on age and vigor of the tree. Leave approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the old soil around the roots when repotting. Prune no more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the root mass when repotting.

Diseases, Insects & Other Pests

Hinoki are generally resistant to pests, but may be sprayed with insecticidal soap for any pests found.

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