



Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar
Cryptomeria japonica 'Tansu'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

One of the smallest and slowest growing evergreens you're going to find; forms an incredibly dense tight ball of fine needle-like foliage, resembles a green porcupine, ideal for bonsai or for rock garden detail

Ornamental Features

Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar has emerald green foliage. The needles turn indian red in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar
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Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar foliage
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Planting & Growing

Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 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 particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, 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.

Tansu Dwarf Japanese Cedar makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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