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Golden Deodar Cedar

Cedrus deodara 'Aurea'



Golden Deodar Cedar
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Height: 70 feet

Spread: 60 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Himalayan Cedar

Description:

A grand spreading tree with a broad habit of growth, pendulous branches bear bright yellow-gold and green needles; best used for its majestic architectural qualities as a solitary landscape accent, needs lots and lots of space to grow for full effect



Golden Deodar Cedar foliage
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Ornamental Features

Golden Deodar Cedar is primarily valued in the landscape for its characteristic tiered habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green-variegated gold foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Deodar Cedar is an evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Deodar Cedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

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Planting & Growing

Golden Deodar Cedar will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 60 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.