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## Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar *Cedrus atlantica 'Horstmann'*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

### Description:

A tremendous, semi-dwarf variety, with a more irregular, upright habit and silvery-blue needles; an excellent choice for smaller landscapes

### Ornamental Features

Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar has attractive silvery blue foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent



*Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar*  
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*Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar foliage*  
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## Planting & Growing

Horstmann Blue Atlas Cedar will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow 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 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. 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.