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King's Gold Chamaecyparis *Chamaecyparis pisifera 'King's Gold'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Japanese Falsecypress, Sawara Falsecypress



King's Gold Chamaecyparis
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

One of the most golden accent shrubs available, this forms a wide-spreading mound with delicate sprays of golden foliage that hold their color throughout the summer, even remaining yellow into the winter; a fine choice for constant color in the garden

Ornamental Features

King's Gold Chamaecyparis has attractive gold foliage. The threadlike leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

King's Gold Chamaecyparis is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep. 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.

King's Gold Chamaecyparis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

King's Gold Chamaecyparis will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

King's Gold Chamaecyparis makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.