

***Abies cephalonica* 'Meyers Dwarf', Meyers Dwarf Greek Fir.** (sun) (Zones 5-7) (5x5 feet)  
A slow growing, emerald green conifer ultimately forming a flat-topped biscuit shaped shrub. This choice fir is perfect as a foundation plant and actually prefers some shade during the hottest part of the day.  
**3GAL \$29.95 #0294**

***Abies nordmanniana*, Nordmann Fir.** (sun) (Zones 4-6(7)) (90x12 feet)  
Perhaps the best of the large growing firs for the greater Cincinnati area. The towering 90+ foot specimens at Spring Grove cemetery will turn anyone into a believer. Prefers moist and well-drained soil. Magnificent!  
**7GAL \$44.95 #1365**

***Abies nordmanniana* 'Barabit's Compact', Compact Nordmann Fir.** (sun) (Zones 4-6(7)) (2x2 feet)  
A very dwarf and slow-growing selection of the Nordmann Fir from Hungary. This will mature at a size of 2x2 feet and therefore is a superb choice for dwarf conifer collections or railroad gardens.  
**2GAL \$29.95 #1412**

***Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca', Blue Atlas Cedar.** (sun)(Zones 6-9)(80x60 feet)  
One of the most august and noteworthy conifers in the world. The steely-blue needles rival those of the bluest blue spruce and are held on elegantly spreading limbs that form massive trees in time. This is borderline in hardiness here, but I know of a few 15-20 foot specimens in the area that could make it. Worth a try. Site with protection from wind.  
**3GAL \$24.95 #2827**

***Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca Pendula', Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar.** (sun)(Zones 6-9)(8x8 feet)  
The weeping form of the above plant, and a plant of great character. This needs some training when young, but can be manipulated into any weeping shape you can think of. Some plants have long, spreading branches and others more upright.  
**3GAL \$24.95 #2828**

***Cedrus deodara* 'Gold Cone', Gold Cone Deodar Cedar.** (sun)(Zones 6-9)(12x4 feet)  
A golden-yellow form of Deodar Cedar that is much narrower than the cultivar 'Aurea'. This is not likely to be hardy in the open here, but worth a try just a little south of here.  
**3GAL \$24.95 #2830**

***Cedrus libani* 'Beacon Hill', Dwarf Cedar of Lebanon.** (sun)(Zones 5-9)(8x4 feet)  
This is a wispy growing dwarf that eventually takes a conical shape. The branches are erratically placed on the tree and many times it can look like a natural bonsai. Excellent in the conifer garden. Needs a little protection. Our plants are grown on their own roots.  
**3GAL \$39.95 #1369**

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Duke Gardens', Dwarf Plum Yew.** (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(3x4 feet)  
This unlikely sport originated as a witch's broom on the cultivar 'Fastigiata'. Excellent low, tight domes of yew-like foliage and shade tolerance are this plants main attributes. The needles are larger and softer than Taxus, and provide a slightly different appeal.  
**3GAL \$29.95 #2848**

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Fastigiata', Columnar Plum Yew.** (psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(8x1.5 feet)  
A superlative vertical accent for the garden, this columnar, yew-like plant stays dark green in winter. There are endless uses for plants with this habit and they are sure to be seen more and more. Hardy.  
**2GAL \$29.95 #0336**

***Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* 'Oregon Blue', Port Orford Cedar.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(30x6 feet)  
One of the best blue conifers hardy in our zone. The depth of the blue color is immeasurable and seems to change every time you look at the plant. The foliage is held in loose sprays and the overall appearance is like an informal arborvitae. This will doubtfully grow as large as the size suggests and should be suitable for smaller gardens. Needs well-drained soil.  
**3GAL \$24.95 #0268**

***Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* 'Silver Queen', Port Orford Cedar.** (psh)(Zones 5-7)(18x4 feet)  
A collector's plant which is nearly totally white. This will need careful siting to ensure it doesn't burn and makes an excellent choice for the hosta garden. Very slow growing and will doubtfully reach the suggested

size in our climate. Requires afternoon shade.

**2GAL \$16.95 #0277**

***Chamaecyparis obtusa*, Hinoki Falsecypress.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)

One of the best conifers for our zone and a collector's paradise, the Hinoki Falsecypress offers hundreds of cultivars for any landscape application. From dense cushions to tall trees, this species has it all. In addition, the hardiness, wind tolerance, and overall adaptability is hardly measured by any other conifer we grow. We offer an ever expanding selection and some are impossible to keep in stock. Almost all are hardy to zone 5.

**A. *C. obtusa* 'Lemon Twist'.** A very dwarf selection with golden-colored foliage. This forms an almost flat mat at first, but gradually fills in to 2x3 feet tall and wide.

**2GAL \$19.95 #2943**

***Chamaecyparis pisifera*, Sawara Falsecypress.**

(sun)(Zones 4-8)

A very important plant for its many forms and extreme adaptability. Ranging from tall timber trees to dwarf cushions, this plant, like its cousin, has unlimited landscape applications. We offer a wide range of plants for all purposes. Many are hardy to zone 4 and all are hardy to zone 5.

**A. *C. pisifera* 'Filifera Aurea', Golden Thread Falsecypress.** Very popular for landscaping because of its extreme beauty and durability. In full sun it is a striking golden yellow, in the shade it is mostly lime green. The pendulous foliage attracts everyone. 10x5 feet.

**3GAL \$29.95 #0297**

**B. *C. pisifera* 'Squarrosa Veitchii', Blue Moss Falsecypress.** Another juvenile foliage form that is heavily imbued with blue coloration. Dense cones of finely textured foliage are very soft in the landscape. A popular plant that attracts all. 8x4 feet.

**5GAL \$34.95 #0300**

**C. *C. pisifera* 'Sungold'.** A choice golden threadleaf type that is more compact than others. Cheery, golden yellow strands of foliage seem to cascade out of the ground. 5x5 feet.

**7GAL \$39.95 #0319**

**D. *C. pisifera* 'Plumosa'.** The same as 'Plumosa Aurea', but with pea-green foliage.

**10GAL \$39.95 #0459**

**15GAL \$44.95 #1012**

**E. *C. pisifera* 'Vintage Gold'.** This valuable golden dwarf is perfect for landscaping. It grows only 30 inches tall and wide and does not discolor in the wintertime. An upright grower that stays tight and small.

**2GAL \$18.95 #2905**

**F. *C. pisifera* 'Tsukumo'.** This is very dwarf and flat with blue-green foliage. Only 12 inches tall and 30 inches wide. Good for the rockgarden.

**2GAL \$19.95 #2859**

**G. *C. pisifera* 'Curly Tops'.** This is most unusual for the irregular pattern of its new growth. The plant looks like it just got a perm. The foliage is needle-like and soft blue in color.

**3GAL \$19.95 #2855**

**H. *C. pisifera* 'True Blue'.** An excellent dwarf form of the Blue Moss Falsecypress. Soft blue foliage on dense little plants that never exceed 4x 4 feet.

**3GAL \$24.95 #2858**

***Chamaecyparis thyoides* 'Andelyensis', Compact Atlantic Whitecedar.**

(sun/sh)(zones 4-8)(10x4 feet)

A compact selection of an east coast native conifer. This looks for all the world like a juniper, and the main difference is preference of habitat. This likes low, wet areas that have acidic soils. Worth a try in a wet area of the yard where little else will grow.

**3GAL \$34.95 #0302**

***Cryptomeria japonica*, Japanese Cedar.**

(sun/psh)(Zones(5)6-9)(varies)

This is not usually considered to be hardy in our zone, but a few selections seem to be hardier than others. There are many forms of this plant, some are very dwarf, and others are tall trees. The dwarf forms make excellent foundation plants, are easy to grow, and are low enough that they are usually covered with snow when it gets really cold. These like a well-drained soil and protection from sweeping winds.

**A. C. j. 'Koshiy'.** This is very dwarf and flat when mature. A full-grown plant will be 1 foot tall and 2 feet across.

**2GAL \$19.95 #0411**

**B. C. j. 'Tansu'.** Without a doubt, the best form for our area. Squat spires of foliage nestled together on an extremely dwarf and hardy plant. We once left one of these out (in a container) on a windy, open plain and it came through the winter with no damage.

**2GAL \$19.95 #2831**

***Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress.**

(sun)(Zones 7-9)(80x80 feet)

The picturesque evergreen of the California coast. Large gnarled branches with flat sprays of dark green foliage that form massive flat-topped trees. Extremely tolerant of salt spray, but not frost. This will live in an unheated cold-frame with no problem, but stands no chance in the open.

**7GAL \$34.95 #1963**

***Ginkgo biloba*, Maidenhairtree or Ginkgo.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 4-8)(60x30 feet)

This living relict is one of the toughest and most durable trees in existence. Generally a large-growing tree that is upright and gawky in youth, but full and majestic in old age. The leaves are distinctly fan-shaped, turn butter yellow in fall and drop very quickly. This will tolerate dry soils and heavy pollution and never miss a beat. The only tree to survive the nuclear bombs in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, there is probably no tougher tree on earth. These are unsexed plants that are best for parks and out of the way areas.

**10GAL \$49.95 #0537**

***Picea glauca*, White Spruce.**

(sun)(Zones 2-7)(40x12 feet)

The White Spruce is underestimated in our area, but performs admirably in a variety of harsh settings. Tall, but slow growing, the White Spruce is perfect for screening because of its dense growth habit and attractive gray-green needles with extreme adaptability to cold, windswept areas. Excellent for developing bird habitat and not susceptible to bagworms like the Colorado Blue Spruce, which is reason enough to plant it. We have some excellent, large specimens for those that require instant gratification.

**SOLD OUT - Call for future availability**

***Picea omorika*, Serbian Spruce.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(50-60x20-25 feet)

I can never decide whether I like this or *P. orientalis* better, as both are choice conifers that can be grown in our area. Serbian Spruce thrives in a variety of settings and does not seem to be fussy about soil type, as long as the site is sunny and relatively open. The needles are very dark, lustrous green on top and silvery-white beneath, lower branches turn upwards at the ends, creating an interesting bicolor effect on each tree. Very colorful throughout the year and resistant to bagworm infestation. Many people are not aware of this species and almost always seem to prefer Norway, for its more refined appearance and distinctive look. We have several large specimens that will make an instant impact in your yard or garden.

**A. P. o. 'Pendula'.** A weeping form that can be trained as a tall, narrow weeping tree, or can be left to its own devices to form a prostrate, groundcover-like plant. Very beautiful and preferable to weeping forms of Norway Spruce.

**3GAL \$24.95 #2841**

***Picea orientalis*, Oriental Spruce.**

(sun)(Zones 4-7)(50-60x10-15 feet)

Often considered the choicest of the hardy Spruces, this forms tall, spire-like, conical plants of with very short, dark green needles that hold their color in winter. This plant is still very hard to come by for its quite slow-growing from seed and many years are needed to produce a landscape ready plant. We offer a few of the named cultivars and sometimes carry the regular species, although it is hard to keep in stock. Prefers well-drained soil, but thrives in a variety of settings.

**A. P. o. 'Silver Seedling'.** One of the most distinctive conifers in our collection. Generally, green needles with large, irregular splashes of silver that are a unique coloration among conifers. The

plant never looks the same from year to year, with some seeing the plant totally silver and others almost totally green. Considering the amount of variegation, it is a surprisingly strong grower in the landscape.

**3GAL \$29.95 #1437**

**B. P. o. 'Skylands'**: One of the most spectacular of conifers and a standout in any landscape. A tall, slender growing, conical plant with golden-yellow needles that sizzle in the garden. Truly one of those plants that needs to be seen to understand completely, and worthy of no less than specimen use. A row of these might cause blindness if looked directly upon. Grows 30x8-12 feet.

**2GAL \$29.95 #1581**

***Picea pungens var. glauca*, Colorado Blue Spruce.** (sun)(Zones 3-7)(40-50x10-15 feet)

The most commonly requested of the Spruces, it seems this species comes standard on landscape designs for new homes, where it will assume its role as protector of the corner of the house. Dense cones of powder-blue foliage that almost don't look real. The Blue Spruce tolerates cold, windswept areas and poor soils, still managing to thrive. Some plants are terribly susceptible to bagworm infestation, and in severe cases, plants may be defoliated. The best control is pulling of the cases and destroying them and also practicing good gardening skills to ensure your plants are as healthy as they can possibly be. We offer container grown plants and balled and burlapped specimens.

**Prices vary. Call for specific availability.**

***Pinus contorta 'Spaan's Dwarf'*, Spaan's Dwarf Lodgepole Pine.** (sun)(Zones 3-7)(3x3 feet)

For those who love the bizarre and twisted, this is your dwarf conifer. Low, loose mounds of deep green foliage that can't decide whether to be juvenile or adult. Sometimes the needles are 3-4 inches long and other times they are only 1 inch long. I don't think this could ever pass as beautiful, but fits comfortably into the world of the bizarre and unusual. Will tolerate dry conditions when established.

**7GAL \$44.95 #2105**

***Pinus flexilis 'Glauca Pendula'*, Blue Weeping Limber Pine.** (sun)(Zones 4-7)(15x12 feet)

For those tired of seeing the grossly over-planted Weeping Eastern White Pine, this is a good substitute, with gray-blue, pendulous foliage that weeps and twists uncontrollably. This can be pruned into an upright tree or left to its own devices, where it will form a low, creeping shrub that follows the contours of the earth. Capable of bearing extreme snow loads without a single limb breaking, after this last winter, that is good news indeed.

**3GAL \$34.95 #1420**

***Pinus mugo 'Sud Tyrol'*, Sud Tyrol Mugo Pine.** (sun)(Zones 3-7)(3x3 feet)

Supposedly a cultivar of this species, but I think these were grown from seed collected from 'Sud Tyrol'. Some have formed dense, tight mounds of tight foliage and others more open mounds that will still remain relatively small and tight in many years. Hey, if you're looking for good, slow-growing evergreens to furnish the foundation of your home, look no further. These will tolerate nearly any soil that does not stay too wet.

**5GAL \$29.95 #1865**

***Pinus nigra 'Arnold Sentinal'*, Fastigate Austrian Pine.** (sun)(Zones 3-7)(25x10 feet)

The Austrian Pine receives a lot of bad press these days due to its extreme susceptibility to Sphaeropsis (Diplodia) Tip Blight, a malady that starts on lower branches and eventually works its way up the tree until it dies. There are many sturdy, old Austrians in this area that seem very healthy and are naturally devoid of bottom branches. Could it be that maybe the disease does not affect these trees? Probably not, but it would be interesting to know for sure. I digress, this selection of Austrian Pine is narrowly columnar in youth and gradually broadens as it matures. Old trees will still be quite narrow as compared to the straight species. Can be used in very tight areas and will not outgrow its space for quite some time.

**3GAL \$29.95 #1085**

***Pinus parviflora*, Japanese White Pine.** (sun/psh)(Zones 5-8)(varies)

This is one of those plants that I think needs to be planted in droves. Unfortunately, it is little known, but there are enough specimens around that lead me to believe this could be a stellar plant in our zone. There are dozens of selected forms that can be used in various landscape applications and the plant is not choosy, demanding only good drainage and a shovel full of compost at planting time. We plan on growing and propagating as many forms as possible of these remarkable plants and look forward to offering

them to you.

**A. P.p. 'Fukuzumi'.** This dwarf form is most often used as a Bonsai subject, and is noteworthy for its naturally windswept appearance that will develop even on plants in the landscape. Excellent gray-green foliage with a hint of blue.

**3GAL \$24.95 #2862**

***Pinus strobus*, Eastern White Pine.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-8)(90x20 feet)

One of those species that just seems to persist even under the most diabolical of scenarios and still manages to eek out an existence. The experts say: Don't plant it where it will get salt spray, does not tolerate urban conditions, does poorly on thin, alkaline soils, and is known host to a hefty rap-sheet of insects and diseases. Yet, for all these fallacies, the White Pine thrives in sites it should not tolerate, and in most cases, shines in the face of supposed certain death. Perhaps the biggest enemy of the White Pine is the pruning shear. Common nursery practices advocate shearing the bottom branches to get a tighter, neater habit. This looks great for about 3 years after its planted, and then the branches either die off or the picturesque form of the tree is shot. At any rate, if you like the White Pine, plant it, I know I would.

**A. P.s. 'Stone Pillar'.** A superb fastigiate selection of White Pine that does not break up under heavy, wet snowloads. Excellent deep-green foliage that keeps its color in winter. Grows 30x10 feet.

**3GAL \$29.95 #2865**

***Pinus thunbergii*, Japanese Black Pine.**

(sun)(Zones 5-9)(15-30x15-30 feet)

A favorite of Marvin's for its artistic growth habit and tolerance of very harsh landscape conditions. Not two trees ever really look the same and I have seen trees that were prostrate and almost groundcover-like, but our trees are much more upright and each has a characteristic twist to the trunk. Could be very effective if used in the proper setting, this is really more of a specimen than a line 'em up and hedge 'em sort of pine. Tolerates salt spray and urban conditions, but can suffer some needle burn in areas with strong, sweeping winter winds.

**All varieties**

**10GAL \$49.95 #1097**

***Pseudotsuga menziesii*, Douglas Fir.**

(sun)(Zones 3-6)(40-60x12-20 feet)

The most abundant conifer in the Pacific Northwest and western mountain states, I am always surprised to see the Douglas Fir performing so well in Ohio. Although it does not reach the colossal proportions of trees out west, it nevertheless looks good, forming a dense green, or bluish cone that will grow in tough, droughty areas, and grow well. The bark becomes attractively fissured over time, taking on an almost cork-like appearance that demands to be touched. Marvin has grown this for many years and feels it to be a supremely worthy conifer for the modern landscape that is simply not used enough. We have several specimen-grade, field grown trees that were grown right down the street in Marvin's backyard. Choice.

**Sizes and prices vary.**

***Thuja occidentalis*, Eastern Arborvitae.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 3-7)(varies)

The Arborvitae is an underestimated plant in my opinion. It is almost always regulated to 'hedge duty', and many of the best forms of the plant are little known and little grown. They typically form a spire-like habit of dense, feathery, fan-like growth that resists breakage under snowloads and never burns in winter. The plant can tolerate wet or dry soils and is long-lived if not abused. We offer many selections and challenge landscapers and homeowners to take a closer look at the forms available and use these not only as a hedge, but also as the specimen plants they deserve to be.

**A. 'Brandon'.** This is a rapid, upright grower that stays narrow and requires very little in the way of pruning. The foliage is a softer green than some other selections and is a good grower in the landscape. Grows 12-15x3-4 feet.

**10GAL \$44.95 #2168**

**B. 'Cristata Arento-variegata'.** An interesting variegated form in which the new growth and tips of the stems are cream or white in color. A good plant for the collector or someone who wants something a little different. Grows 10-15x3-5 feet, but is slow growing.

**5GAL \$29.95 #1265**

**C. 'Boisbriand'.** A very hardy form of this plant which forms a very dense, spindle-shaped habit over

time. You can see the difference even in young plants and this would be useful as a screen for someone with limited space. Grows 8-10x3-4 feet.

**7GAL \$34.95 #1738**

**D. 'Danica'.** A top-notch dwarf form of this species that has application to almost every new house built. This forms a low mound of foliage that reaches only 18-24x24-30 inches. The foliage stays a good, deep green in winter and blends well into the landscape.

**3GAL \$22.95 #2913**

**E. 'Smaragd' Emerald Green.** This is the standard of the nursery trade for *Arborvitae*. Dense spires of very dark green foliage that does not discolor in winter. Mainly used as a hedge or screen. Grows 10-15x3-5 feet.

**5GAL \$29.95 #2165**

**F. 'Europe Gold'.** An outstanding yellow foliage form with a narrow, upright habit. The plant does take on a bronze cast in the winter, but does not burn. Easily grown and a good candidate for a tight spot. Grows 6-10x2-4 feet.

**5GAL \$39.95 #2169**

**G. 'Spiralis'.** Not 'Twister', but a narrow growing form that reach 30-45 feet over time. Foliage is a good dark green and stays nice in the winter.

**3GAL \$24.95 #1829**

**H. 'Teddy'.** An interesting dwarf form with juvenile foliage that is blue-green in summer and bronze in winter. The plant grows only 2x3 feet and looks like a soccer ball on a tee.

**5GAL \$29.95 #2162**

**I. 'Yellow Holmstrup'.** The dwarfest form we grow with yellow foliage. This will reach only 6-9 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide. Rather more shrub-like than narrow and upright like other selections.

**5GAL \$29.95 #1749**

**J. 'Yellow Ribbon'.** Another yellow foliage form that grows tight and spire-like. Excellent for use in confined areas and good folial substance in the winter. Grows 8-10x3-4 feet.

**7GAL \$34.95 #1947**

***Thuja plicata*, Giant *Arborvitae*.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(30-50x10-20 feet)

It is amazing enough that this will even survive here, let alone be one of the best 'new' conifers for modern landscapes. This possesses a similar growth habit to the above species, but tends to grow larger in all its parts and has a gloss to the foliage not seen in our eastern native. This can be used as a hedge, but look it's best when utilized as a specimen. Tolerates windy sites, but best with a little protection and in rich, well-drained soil.

**A. 'Grosvli' Spring Grove.** A form selected in Cincinnati for its extreme hardiness and tolerance of adverse conditions. One of the most popular plants in our collection and one of the best fast-growing conifers for use in our area.

**5GAL \$24.95 #1748**

**B. 'Zebrina'.** An unusual variegated form with blond streaks in the center. The variegation has been very subtle for us, perhaps preferring the mild climate of the Pacific Northwest to strut its stuff.

**7GAL \$34.95 #2172**

***Thujopsis dolabrata*, False *Arborvitae* or Elkhorn Cedar.**

(sun/psh)(Zones 5-7)(varies)

What a fabulous plant this has turned out to be, performing well in shady and sunny areas and always drawing the question, "What is it?" This has the potential to grow large, but in our experience has formed slow growing mounds of flattened sprays of foliage that are beautifully glossed and dark green. There are many forms of this and all are choice enough for even the most discriminating gardener. They prefer well-drained soil and will take a surprising amount of shade while continuing to thrive.

**A. 'Nana'.** The dwarfest form of this plant, I saw one in New Zealand that was about 4x5 feet, but there was no indication of how old it was and it was in a very mild climate. Around here, I would say 2x3

feet is an estimation, as the plant is rather slow growing.

**2GAL \$19.95 #2912**

**B. 'Variegata'.** This form is my favorite for its wild sprays of dark green, glossy foliage with irregular white splotches throughout the plant. It is said that this can grow to 30 feet tall, but with us it has proved slow-growing and reluctant to form a central leader. I would expect it to grow as a shrub for some time and then form a leader and become more tree-like. But hey, who knows?

**2GAL \$19.95 #2427**

**C. var. *Hondae*.** A northern form of this species that is shrub-like and mounding at first, but then forms a leader and becomes more tree-like. The foliage is a little lighter green, but has the same high gloss and the plant seems easily grown. The literature states that it will grow to 30x10, although this may take quite some time.

**2GAL \$19.95 #2914**