

Botanical Name: Cupressus macrocarpa 'Golden Pillar'

Common Name: Golden Monterey cypress

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Family Cupressaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Pyramidal and dense when young, becoming more open and spreading
with age – tends to be shrubby as a younger tree

Height to 30 ft. Spread to 20 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained, loamy soil

Hardiness Hardy, but prefers coastal conditions --Zones 16,17,23, and 24

Morphology:

Leaves tiny overlapping golden scales – young foliage is bright golden
yellow, older growth becomes more green with age

Flowers inconspicuous catkin flowers

Fruit female cone to 1-1/2" across, brown and woody, often resinous

Propagation: hardwood cuttings in winter

Usage: Accent tree for bright color, dense form and foliage; very
dramatic in forest style landscapes, effective as a background to darker
foliage junipers or other fine textured plants

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering, and performs best near the coast where
foggy weather keeps the air moist

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning generally none required

Pests/Diseases Coryneum canker fungus when grown away from the coast

Other

Origin: Cultivar – species comes from central California