

The Best Way To Grow A Hinoki Cypress Bonsai:

The Hinoki Cypress Bonsai is everything you would imagine a bonsai tree to be. With a somewhat triangular look, attractive dark green leaves, and a red/brown bark like trunk, you could almost classify the Hinoki Cypress bonsai as the clich  of bonsai trees. However, when it comes to growing this type of bonsai, the reality is very much apart from the looks.

Firstly, you must keep in mind that the Hinoki Cypress bonsai tree is simply a dwarf version of the larger Hinoki tree, which can reach up to 75 feet in height, and spread up to 25 feet in width. This makes it a particularly interesting dwarf tree - and one which is easy to look after - assuming it is in the right environment.

The number one consideration for this type of bonsai is light. This variety of bonsai needs to be placed in full sunlight outside, however, if you live in an extremely hot climate - ensure that it is only in the sunlight for a few hours every day, and has been placed outside in the shade.

If you don't give the Hinoki Cypress Bonsai the correct amount of light, it will simply not grow - and in the worst cases, the branches at the bottom of the tree will die. If this happens, you can almost write off the entire tree, because the unique feature of this particular bonsai is that it does not grow back new buds.

Unfortunately, when you are required to place your bonsai tree in direct sunlight, you have another dilemma on your hands. Because the sun is particularly harsh to bonsai soil, you will need to water the tree on a regular basis. If you are not around to care for your Hinoki Cypress bonsai during the day, this may present a significant problem.

Additionally, if you live in an area where there is a dry, but cold wind - you run the risk of freezing your Hinoki bonsai, and hence killing it in the process. As you can see, the balance between sunlight, warm, and moisture - is one which will require a lot of thought and consideration.

Unlike other bonsai varieties such as the Sago Palm, Willow Leaf, Weeping Pussy Willow, and the Shimpaku Juniper - you should only apply bonsai fertilizer or once every two weeks or so. Additionally, this should only be done in spring and summer to ensure the continued growth of the bonsai tree. As an extra piece of advice, do not use of fertilizer with lime - as this variety of

bonsai hates the substance.

If it is an incredible bonsai design you are looking for, the Hinoku Cypress bonsai may not be the best choice. Because of its rigid structure, and its preset design, regardless of what bonsai tools you use, it would seem that this particular tree will only take one shape in your bonsai garden. If this is an issue, there a plenty of other Japanese bonsai trees available which you are able to style, manipulate, and craft to get the bonsai design you are looking for.