



Cream Puff Cedar

Cedrus deodara 'Cream Puff'

Pine Family (Pinaceae)

Zones: 7-9

Full Sun to Partial Shade

Moderate Water

Location: Rose Garden

True cedars, i.e. the genus *Cedrus*, are elegant trees that are too rarely seen in mountain-west landscapes. The Cream Puff Cedar, *Cedrus deodara* 'Cream Puff', is a dense, medium-sized conifer that grows fast in youth, but slows as it matures to reach a height of 8-10 feet. It has grayish-green needles with creamy white tips that do not burn in the sun. The thin needles are arranged in whorls on short, spur-like stems. The branches are graceful and droop slightly at the ends.

Cream Puff Cedar grows well in a sunny location protected from sweeping winds. Although it is not as cold-hardy as other cedars, and is sensitive to frost when young, it has done well at Red Butte Garden since the late 1980's. It even survived a move from the former Conifer Garden to its current location in the Rose Garden.

Cream Puff Cedar prefers well-drained soil and tolerates some drought. This evergreen makes a nice lawn tree or a lovely specimen plant in the garden. It also does well planted with other conifers, where its creamy white foliage lightens up its dark green surroundings.