



## Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar *Cedrus atlantica 'pendula'*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 3b-10, 14-24	Full sun	Deep, well drained soil	Moderate watering	Cone scales	To 60 feet

Atlas cedar does well in sandy to clayey, and acidic to alkaline soils. It grows fast and upward for the first 10-20 years, then as the central leader loses dominance, growth slows and the crown spreads. In young trees, lateral branches may have to be pruned back to keep them from breaking under their own weight. Never prune the central leader though, lest the tree's beautiful form be destroyed.

The peculiar 'Glauca Pendula' is not treelike and is much smaller and slower growing. This curious plant is especially handsome in rock gardens where it can be groomed into a bonsai like specimen. If you are patient you'll have fun training the "weeping" Atlas cedar like a slow growing vine along fence tops or over arbors where its drooping branches will eventually form cascading curtains that sweep the ground.