Cephalotaxus harringtonii 'Fastigiata'

Height	3 - 5 m
Width	1,5-2m
Crown	columnar, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	reddish brown, young twigs light green
Leaf	needles shiny dark green, 3 – 5 cm
Flowers	♂cream, in small hanging cones, 3 – 7 mm, ♀oval, green
Fruits	oval, 1.5 – 2.5 cm long, discolouring from green to purple
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, sandy soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	specimen conifer

Cephalotaxus harringtonii 'Fastigiata' is a striking conifer that superficially resembles a coarse columnar Taxus. The plant does not branch strongly and the main branches always grow almost vertically upwards. On the branches, the needles are spirally planted diagonally upwards. The needles vary in length and the twigs have alternating sections of longer and shorter needles. This gives the twigs of 'Fastigiata' a typical "wavy" appearance. Cephalotaxus tolerates shade, but the plant also does well in partial or full sun. Provided the soil is nutritious and sufficiently moist, but permeable. If the soil is too poor, too dry or too wet, the shiny dark green needles will turn pale and the plant will lose its healthy appearance.

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