

Handy Nursery Plant List

Common Name	Enlightened Eastern Arborvitae
Botanical Name	Thuja occidentalis 'Enlightened'
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Form and Flower	A rapid growing (8-12" per year) form that is not not overly broad when young and over time makes a dense, well balanced pyramid with strong single leader dominance.
Foliage and Fruit	The outstanding foliage colorations evolve throughout the season that upon close inspection could be called variegated. The spring hue is best described as a lime-green to light yellow-green. In late spring and in to the summer, the colors will morph in to a combination of kelley green and just shy of butter yellow. Throughout the growing season the leaves close to the midrib, and midrib itself, will display a contrasting light cream. Fall foliage and winter colors yield a mix of beige-bronze and champagne.
Size	Height 10 to 12' - in 10 years Width 7 to 8' - in 10 years
Zone	3 to 8
Special Notes	Named collectors conifer of the year in the fall issue of the Conifer Quarterly. This selection was one of a multiplicity of varying types amassed at the Rowe Arboretum in Cincinnati, OH. The collection, in large part, was pioneered by the late Clark West M.D. Just a few others from this collection worth considering are 'Coral Sea Green', 'Pincushion', 'Little Filly' and 'Snowstorm'. 'Enlightened' is only one of the named forms that has emerged in the trade in recent years. The original plant of 'Enlightened' was derived from seed collected from the cultivar 'Marrisen's Sulfur' in the UK in 1995.
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