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The leaves, or needles, grow in circular whorls on spurs along the branch. They can range in color from deep green to blue to silver. Not deciduous, it adds color to the garden all year.

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The male flowers develop into 1-2 inch long finger-shaped tassels which shed their pollen in late September. The cones which begin nearly purple in color grow into 3-4 inch cylinders on short sturdy stems.

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The tree is pyramidal with long reaching branches. With a tall crown and sparse branching it can appear gaunt or whimsical.

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The Atlas Cedar is native to the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. It is cultivated in this country as a focal garden ornamental, especially the 'Glauca' which is noted for its blue foliage. The Lebanon Cedar has longer, but fewer, needles in a cluster.

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