

Cupressus sempervirens

(Mediterranean cypress)

Mediterranean Cypress is native to this region, can be found all over the region like Italy, Syria, Lebanon, Greece, Egypt. It is a medium sized conifer tree can reach 35 m in height. The leaves are tiny scale like with a nice fragrance. The cones are very decorative and stays on the stems for long time. It has been widely cultivated as an ornamental, by today many different varieties can be found in tree nurseries. Takes very well drought and heat.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cyprès d'Italie

Arabic Name: سرو المتوسط

Pronunciation: : koo-PRESS-us sem-per-VYE-renz

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Mediterranean region

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Border Plant, Native to Lebanon

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Columnar

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: More than 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Scale

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Cones

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Diseases: Canker, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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