

Cupressus sempervirens



Family: Cupressaceae
Order: Pinales
Class: Coniferopsida
Phylum: Coniferophyta

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Non-toxic to humans and pets.

Invasiveness: Generally not invasive; can be considered invasive in some regions outside its native range.

Plant Type: Evergreen conifer.

Lifespan: Long-lived, can exceed 1,000 years.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 15-25 meters.

Spread: 3-5 meters.

Leaf Color: Dark green.

Bloom Time: Does not have showy flowers; produces cones.

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast.



Distribution:

Origin: Southern Europe, North Africa, and Western Asia.

Habitat: Found in subtropical and tropical regions; often found in rainforests, coastal areas, or tropical woodlands.

Care:

Difficulty: Low to moderate.

Toughness: Quite hardy and tolerant of a range of conditions.

Maintenance: Low; occasional pruning may be needed for shape

Watering: Regular watering during dry periods; drought-tolerant once established.

Pruning: Minimal pruning needed; shape as desired, especially for formal hedges or topiary.

Propagation: By seed or cuttings; seeds require a period of cold stratification.

Repotting: Not typically needed unless grown in a container.

Conditions:

Temperature: Tolerates temperatures down to -10°C.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 7 to 11.

Sun Requirements: Full sun.

Soil Type: Prefers well-drained soils; tolerates a range of soil types but does best in sandy or loamy soils.

Use: Ornamental tree for tall hedges, privacy screens, windbreaks, and accent planting, valued for its elegant, columnar shape.

Location: Ideal for Mediterranean climates; well-suited for dry, sunny areas.

Pests and Diseases: Generally pest-resistant; can be susceptible to root rot in poorly drained soils.

