

Botanical Name: Cupressocyparis leylandii

Common Name: Leylandi cypress

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very erect, mostly single-trunked tree, forming a  
pyramidal cone-shape in youth; older plants become more triangular and open with  
age; very rapid grower

Height 20'-40' (50') Spread 1/4 - 1/2 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil prefers well-draining; tolerates most except alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 3-24); avoid dry desert; prefers coastline

Morphology:

Leaves tiny over-lapping gray-green scales; on rather open  
coarsely branched, flattened twigs; smallest branchlets are 2-ranked

Flowers inconspicuous; not horticulturally important

Fruit if present, a rounded, 3/4" diameter leathery cone

Propagation: semi-hardwood or hardwood cuttings

Usage: used as a fast-growing vertical screen or background; too  
large for small-scale landscape areas

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred; the plant tolerates some drought after  
established (in the milder coastal areas)

Fertilizing as needed; may become chlorotic in heavy soils

Pruning tip back errant branches to maintain uniform shape

Pests/Diseases spider mite, Coryneum canker

Special Conditions

Origin: cultivar Family: Cupressaceae