

Botanical Name: Cupressus sempervirens

Common Name: Italian cypress

Type of Plant: conifer:tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a very erect, distinctly upright plant, mostly single-trunked, with short, ascending and tightly packed lateral branches forming a tall, dense, narrow, column with pointed apex

Height 20'-60' (80') Spread 3'- 6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; grows very poorly in shaded locations

Soil prefers well-draining loam, but tolerates most soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24): grows best in warm low-elevation areas

Morphology:

Leaves tiny overlapping dark green scales

Flowers inconspicuous, in catkins

Fruit female cone; approximately 1" diameter, gray-brown, round

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: the classical vertical accent tree for its conspicuously dense, narrow form; very widely used as a tall background screen; suitable as a large container plant for formal landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes fairly drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is required - only as needed

Pruning none required; if branches grow laterally, head back to canopy to maintain overall height

Pests/Diseases red spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: So. Europe Family: Cupressaceae