

Eastern Red Cedar

Juniperus virginiana (Family: *Cupressaceae*)

Description: *Juniperus virginiana* is a medium-sized evergreen tree native to Eastern North America. It is an ideal specimen for drought-prone and other problematic landscapes.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 9.

Natural Habitat: Eastern North America.

Mature Size: Height: 40-50', Spread: 8-20'

Form (Shape): Densely pyramidal when young. Slightly pendulous with age. Can range from columnar to broadly pyramidal.

Growth Rate: Medium.

Foliage: Leaves are evergreen. In the summer they are sage to blue-green, turning bronze or yellow-brown in the fall and winter.

Texture: Medium.

Flowers: Dioecious flowers, monoecious on occasion; staminate yellow and pistillate green.

Fruit: Cones that are ovular in shape.

Light: Full sun.

Soil: Deep, moist, loamy soil. Tolerant of poor soils and high pH.

Propagation: By seed or cutting.

Failure Patterns: Failure is generally uncommon.

Disease and Insects: Susceptible to cedar apple rust and bagworms.

Landscape Use: Used as an accent, screen, hedge, topiary, and in groups.

Availability: Available in retail nurseries.