

Italian Cypress (Common Name)

Cupressus sempervirens (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 10' – 20' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Friendly: 60' – 70' from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: Scalelike, tiny, 1/8" long. Grayish or bluish green, each with visible pit and resin.

Flowers: 3/8 – 1 1/8" wide. Gray to brown and rounded.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: High

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No



Tree Care: Plant in full sun or partial shade in moist or dry soil. The tree is drought tolerant, but irrigation during the summer promotes growth.

Ecosystem Services: Known for durable, scented wood and most famously for the doors of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City, Rome. In cosmetics it is used as astringent, firming, anti-seborrheic, anti-dandruff, anti-aging, and as fragrance. The dry seeds are able to help people reduce skin conditions like acne or help heal cuts or scrapes.

