



Cupressus sempervirens



Height	20 – 30 (40) m
Crown	columnar to broad fan-shaped, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs grey-brown, bark grey, slightly grooved
Leaf	rounded, contiguous scales, matt dark green, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous, yellow
Fruits	round with slightly elongated cones, green to bluish purple, 2 - 3 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any well-drained soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good, tolerates sea wind but not cold, drying wind
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, coastal areas, large gardens
Shape	clearstem conifer, specimen conifer
Origin	Eastern Mediterranean coastal area, Eastern North Africa, Asia Minor, Northern Iran

Large tree whose habit varies from very narrow columnar to broad horizontal fan-shaped. The various clones can sometimes be distinguished by the invalid epithets f. horizontalis for the broad shape and f. sempervirens or f. stricta for the columnar shape. In practice the narrow columnar shape is usually meant. It can grow to 20 to 30 m tall, or even to 40 m in some cases. The bark is grey and slightly grooved when mature. The scaly foliage consists of small, matt dark green contiguous scales. The cypress grows on any soil provided it is well drained. Tolerates a lot of wind, including sea wind, but has poor tolerance to cold, drying wind. The limited winter hardiness means this tree is only suitable for mild climatic zones and in sheltered sites such as patios, atriiums and courtyards.