

# Cupressus lusitanica var. lusitanica

## COMMON NAME

Mexican cypress

## FAMILY

Cupressaceae

## AUTHORITY

Cupressus lusitanica Mill. var. lusitanica

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## YEAR NATURALISED

1989

## ORIGIN

Mexico

## ETYMOLOGY

**cupressus:** Classical name, said to be derived from the Greek kuo 'to produce' and pari 'equal', alluding to the symmetrical form of the Italian cypress; alternatively the name is derived from an ancient Latin word for box, the wood once being used for coffins.

## Reason For Introduction

Forestry

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cupressus-lusitanica-var-lusitanica/>



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