

# Cupressus sempervirens

## COMMON NAME

Mediterranean cypress

## FAMILY

Cupressaceae

## AUTHORITY

Cupressus sempervirens L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## NVS CODE

CUPSEM

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## YEAR NATURALISED

1991

## ORIGIN

E. Mediterranean region eastwards to N. Iran

## 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.

**sempervirens:** From the Latin semper 'always' and virens 'green', evergreen

## Reason For Introduction

Forestry

## MORE INFORMATION

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



Cupressus sempervirens bark. Photographer: Peter de Lange



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