

# Cupressus sempervirens

## COMMON NAMES

Mediterranean cypress

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## GENUS

Cupressus

## FAMILY

Cupressaceae

## AUTHORITY

Cupressus sempervirens L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1991

## ORIGIN

E. Mediterranean region eastwards to N. Iran

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Forestry

## 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

## NVS CODE

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## MORE INFORMATION

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

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