# **Cupressus sempervirens**

## **COMMON NAME**

Mediterranean cypress

### **FAMILY**

Cupressaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Cupressus sempervirens L.

# **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## **NVS CODE**

**CUPSEM** 

# **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

# **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/





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