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Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*)

Distribution

Incense Cedar is not native to Washington. It occurs naturally in a belt that extends down the Oregon Cascades to the central Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Growth Habit

Incense Cedar is a moderately fast growing large conifer. Mature specimens often grow over 150 feet tall with a conic crown with spreading branches of scale-like needles. The bark is a smooth orange-brown becoming fissured with age.

Adaptability

Incense Cedar is grown widely in western Washington, where it tolerates a wide range of conditions. It grows in sun or shade, except for deep shade, and in many soil types that vary from moist to dry.

Comments

- Incense Cedar is used primarily as an ornamental in the region.
- It is also grown as a timber tree in parts of southwest Washington.
- Its wood is valued for its resistance to decay.
- Its full, dense growth habit makes it a good choice for a privacy screen or wind break.

