

# *Juniperus virginiana* L.

## Eastern redcedar



### Source:

Natural Resources Conservation Service.  
*PLANTS Database*. United States Department  
of Agriculture.

The Cypress Family (Cupressaceae)

This pyramid or column-shaped drought resistant tree stands approximately 30-70 feet tall and has reddish brown fibrous bark, often with a shedding appearance. Its leaves are closely overlapping and scale-like.

**Habitat:** The tree can grow in a wide variety of soil types, but prefers dry soils with full sun; found across the eastern and middle portions of the US and Canada.

**Interesting Facts:** This tree can reproduce via cuttings, meaning that if a healthy branch is cut and put in the ground. It can grow as a new tree.

**Fruit:** The fruit is pale blue to white; fleshy, berry-like structure.

**Flower:** The flower has small, cone like flowers on the ends of short twigs; and is dioecious.

**Wildlife value:** It provides food and cover for many species and is an important winter food source for pheasant, mule deer, and white-tailed deer.