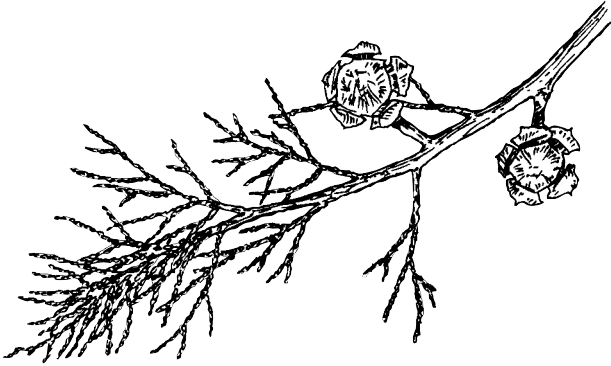


## Leaf Identification



Arizona Cypress  
(*Cupressus arizonica*)

**Arizona cypress** has a graceful conical form that reaches 40'-50' in height with a 25'-30' spread. The dense, fine-textured evergreen foliage is green, gray-green, or blue-green, extends to the ground, and has a pleasant aroma. The thick, rough, deeply furrowed, gray-brown or blackish bark persists on the tree from year to year. The dark reddish-brown cones are 1"-1¼" wide, maturing in about two years. Squirrels and other rodents eat the seeds.

Arizona cypress prefers hot, dry sites with full sun and well-drained soil. It is tolerant of shade and adapts to a wide range of soils. It is very drought-resistant, making it suitable for windbreaks and control of soil erosion. Plant 6' apart in rows for windbreaks. It can be sheared into a formal shape. This native tree is fast-growing but short-lived, on average lasting 30-40 years.