



# RED CEDAR

## JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA

Eastern red cedar is a dense evergreen conifer. Reddish-brown bark exfoliates in thin shreddy strips on mature trees. It has dark blue-green, scale-like foliage. Female trees produce round, gray to blackish-green, berry-like cones that ripen in fall. It is a host for cedar-apple rust and should not be planted near apple trees.



**TYPE:**  
Evergreen



**SIZE:**  
30 feet high  
25 feet wide



**SUN:**  
Full sun



**FLOWERS:**  
Male flowers are oblong, yellow-orange. Female flowers are globose, light blue-green. They are often on separate trees.



**USDA ZONES:**  
2-9



**ID TIPS:**  
Female cones start out green, ripening to blue. When fully ripe, they resemble little waxy berries.



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
Cedars produce berry-like cones that provide food for birds from early summer through winter.



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
The slow-to-decay aromatic wood is used for fenceposts, cedar chests and cabinets.

