Eastern Red Cedar

*Juniperus virginiana*

**Unique Characteristics**

A small to medium-sized evergreen tree that thrives on dry soil in full sunlight. This aromatic tree is also winter hardy, salt tolerant and serves as an excellent windbreak. Northern Mockingbirds relish the berry-like bluish soft cones.

**Plant Type:** Needled evergreen tree

**Native Range:** Most widely distributed conifer of tree size in the Eastern United States and is found in every State east of the 100th meridian.

**Sun:** Full to part sun

**Water:** Dry to medium

**Soil:** Adaptable

**pH:** Neutral to acidic

**Height:** 30 feet

**Spread:** 15 feet

**Wildlife:** Fruit-loving birds and mammals feed on the cones

**Hardiness Zones:** 2 to 9

**Bark:** Thin, often shredding

**Fruit:** Small, irregular-shaped cones, silvery blue

**Uses:** Helps reduce erosion, will do well in urbanized situations

Recommended for landscapes prone to deer damage

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