## **Eastern Red Cedar**

## Juniperus virginiana







Photos courtesy of Judy Semroc (top and bottom right) Bobbie Schwartz (bottom left)



## **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