

Eastern Red Cedar

Scientific name:	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Growth habit:	Tree (to 65 feet)
Duration:	Perennial
Light preference:	Sun/partial shade
Soil:	Neutral to alkaline
Fruit type:	Nutlet, cone
Plant associates:	Gray birch, red maple, aspen



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Notes: More than 50 species of birds eat the fruit. A member of the cypress family, this evergreen offers winter cover and often serves as nest sites. Potentially invasive in Great Plains region.

Native range: Eastern coastal states west to Colorado. North Dakota south to Texas.

