

## Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation

## eastern redcedar Cupressaceae Juniperus virginiana L. symbol: JUVI



Leaf: Evergreen, very small, with two types of leaves (often on the same tree), scale-like leaves 1/16 inch long, dark green, with 4 sides held tightly to twig and longer (1/4 inch), dark blue-green needle-like leaves that are more common on young trees and fast growing shoots.

Flower: Species is dioecious, but occasionally monoecious; males are small, yellow-brown, occurring in large groups; females are light blue-green.

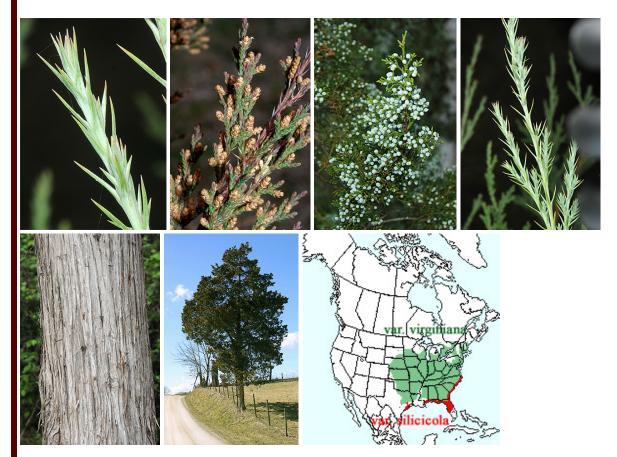
Fruit: Berry-like cones, light green in spring, turning dark blue and glaucous at maturity, about 1/4 inch in diameter, appearing in spring and maturing in the fall.

**Twig:** Green for several years, covered in scales, later turning brown.

Bark: Red-brown in color, exfoliating in long, fibrous strips, often ashy gray where exposed.

Form: A small tree with a dense ovoid or columnar crown reaching up to 60 feet tall.

**Looks like:** Atlantic white-cedar - common juniper - Chinese juniper - redberry juniper



## Additional Range Information: *Juniperus virginiana* is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. See states reporting eastern redcedar.

## **External Links:**

**USDAFS Silvics of North America USDAFS** Additional Silvics Landowner Factsheet **USDA** Plants Database **Horticulture** 

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