

Hesperocyparis (Cupressus) forbesii

Tecate Cypress

TREE - evergreen.

10 - 30' high, 12 - 20' across.

Symmetrical when young, gangly
with age.

Leaves flat, scale-like, light to dark
green, to gray-green.

Reddish bark.

Small round seed cones.

Native habitat: chaparral; dry slopes,
1500' to 5000' - Santa Ana Mts.,
Otay Mt., and Mt. Tecate.

Full sun to part shade.

Tolerant of frost, heat, smog and
sparse soils.

Can endure summer drought once
established, but best if given
some water (~1 x / month).

Can be hedged or shaped.

Will grow very fast with ample water, but can
become too tall to withstand winds.

Vulnerable to canker.



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(Rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere.
Seriously endangered in California.)

