



Calocedrus decurrens



Height	20 - 25 (30) m
Width	8-10m
Crown	column-shaped, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	dark, reddish brown trunk, later flakes off slightly
Leaf	dark green scales, close together, evergreen
Flowers	unremarkable
Fruits	hanging, ovoid cones, about 2 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all, preferably fairly dry and permeable
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Shape	clearstem tree, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer
Origin	western North America
Synonyms	Libocedrus decurrens

Native to the western region of North America. Narrow and column-shaped in the northernmost region, but becoming somewhat conical in shape towards the south. When trees are old, the trunk is reddish brown and flakes off in long sheets. The scales on the reddish brown twigs fan out over each other as they grow. There is little difference between the top and bottom. Calocedrus decurrens is a monoecious tree, with female and male flowers growing on different branches. The small ovoid, hanging cones are hook-shaped at the top. This is a clear characteristic of Calocedrus. Often only the centre scales bear seeds. Calocedrus grows in any type of soil that is not too wet and tolerates calcareous soil. It is susceptible to Phytophthora in moist soil. The wood is easy to work with and aromatic. Calocedrus decurrens develops a somewhat flakey trunk with a warm reddish-brown colour at a later age. The aromatic wood, which is easy to work, is used for making pencils.