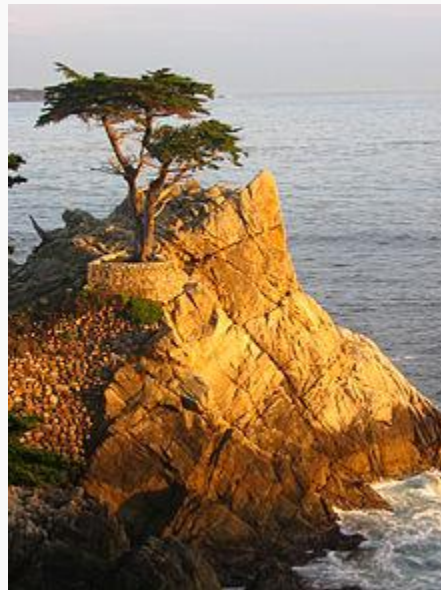


Cypress tree



Monterey Cypresses



The Lone Cypress

Cypress is the name applied to many plants in the cypress family Cupressaceae, which is a conifer of northern temperate regions. Most cypress species are trees, while a few are shrubs.

Cupressus sempervirens is famous for its longevity, and has been a popular garden plant for thousands of years.

The word cypress is derived from Old French *cipres*, which was imported from Latin *cypressus* the latinisation of the Greek (*kyparissos*).

The Cupressaceae family also contains 13–16 other genera (not listed above) that do not bear cypress in their common names.

The word cypress is also used as a descriptor for the angiosperm vine in the bindweed family Convolvulaceae, known as the cypress vine (*Ipomoea quamoclit*).

The plant called "summer cypress" is *Bassiascoparia* (Amaranthaceae).